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Iran urges Saddam's dismissal for peace

BEIRUT, May 17 (Agencies) — Iran's Prime Minister Hossein Musavi was quoted Monday as saying the overthrow of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's Socialist Baath Party regime was a precondition for a peaceful settlement of the 19-month-old war between the two Gulf states.

His statement was reported by Iran's official Iran news agency as a war communique from the joint chiefs of staff in Tehran claimed their forces "liberated" yet another chunk of land from Iraqi "occupation" in Iran's southwestern oil province of Khuzistan.

The Iraqi high command in Baghdad said its ground forces, backed by raiding jets and helicopter gunships, mounted a series of hit-and-run assaults that weakened Iran's newly established positions around the port city of Khorramshahr, the last Iraqi-held stronghold in Khuzistan. It did not acknowledge any fresh loss of ground, however.

"The war will continue as long as Iran did not achieve its rights," Musavi was quoted by Iran as telling a news conference in Tehran Sunday. "The condition for the establishment of peace in the region is Saddam's overthrow." Musavi accused Kuwait of "continuing to grant aid to Iraq" and said it "will suffer some damage because of its hostility toward Iran and the great Islamic revolution."

Musavi did not rule out the possibility that Iranian forces might invade Iraq. He said Iran could not accept a peace "imposed by the superpowers or their agents in the region who seek to save the Iraqi regime."

Asked whether Iran and Syria might cooperate to pursue the war, Musavi replied: "We have a coordinated foreign policy against imperialism and Zionism, but there is nothing more than that."

Meanwhile, Iraq Monday denied that Iranian forces had shot down an Iraqi plane and two helicopters in northern Khuzistan Sunday. The agency quoted an Iraqi military spokesman as saying Iran's report that it had downed the three aircraft was "devoid of truth and clashes with reality." He said all Iraqi aircraft returned to base safely after raiding Iranian targets north of Khorramshahr.



MACHINE-GUNNERS: Argentine soldiers set up an anti-aircraft heavy machine-gun emplacement near the governor's residence in Falklands.

On border dispute Sino-Indian talks begin

NEW DELHI, May 17 (Agencies) — Communist Chinese and Indian officials met here Monday for a first round of talks aimed at seeking a solution to the long-standing border dispute between the two countries.

After an hour-long discussion, an Indian spokesman said four working groups dealing with culture, trade and economic affairs, science and technology and the border issue would meet again separately. The border problem was considered crucial to the development of Sino-Indian relations, the spokesman added.

However, he refused to give details of Monday's meeting, saying only that it was cordial and the officials would meet again Tuesday. He also said a detailed briefing on the discussions would be held at the end of the talks May 21.

The 11-member Chinese delegation was led by Foreign Ministry adviser Fu Hao and the Indian side by Foreign Secretary Eric Gonsalves. The spokesman said the two delegation leaders were not included in the working groups but would be available for consultations.

Shortly before Monday's meeting, police rounded up about 200 demonstrators in front of the Foreign Ministry, venue of the meeting. The demonstrators marched under the banner of "Himalaya Baccho Sammelan" (Save Himalaya Association), a militant Hindu organization which demands the inclusion of a Tibetan representative in the Indian delegation and the "liberation" of Tibet from China.

The talks are scheduled to conclude Friday. The main dispute was over parts of the 4,000-km-long Indo-Chinese border, that was altered in 1962 when thousands of Chinese troops poured through the Himalayan passes into the plains of northeast India in the Kashmir region. India now demands that China withdraw from 37,000 square kms of territory occupied during the brief but bitter 1962 war. India also maintains that China wrongfully claims another 234,000 square kms in northeast India.

NATO states back U.S. call for deep nuclear arms cuts

LUXEMBOURG, May 17 (R) — NATO governments Monday backed U.S. call for deep nuclear arms cuts and said the West must always be ready for a dialogue with the Soviet Union.

Foreign ministers of the 15-nation Western defense alliance, opening a twice-yearly conference, lined up solidly behind U.S. proposals to reduce superpower strategic warhead stocks by one-third, NATO sources said. They also supported a proposal by President Reagan that U.S.-Soviet Strategic Arms Talks, broken off three years ago, should be restarted next month, an offer not accepted by Moscow.

The NATO ministers were expected to approve a West German plan for additional informal alliance meetings to guard against misunderstandings developing between the United States and its West European allies. U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko will meet at a month-long U.N. special session on disarmament starting in New York June 7. Western sources said.

American officials said such a meeting was being discussed but had not so far been scheduled. The plan was disclosed after a breakfast talk between Haig and West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher.

President Reagan had originally hoped to meet Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev at the U.N. session but Monday's disclosure indicated that Gromyko intended to make the trip instead. Brezhnev has proposed a summit with Reagan in Europe in the autumn.

A meeting between Haig and Gromyko would be their second this year. They last met in Geneva in January. U.S. proposals on strategic arms, announced by Reagan last week, were warmly welcomed by Genscher, British Foreign Secretary Francis Pym, Canadian

Warns of using force U.K. losing hope in peace parleys

LONDON, May 17 (Agencies) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher Monday cast doubt on Argentina's willingness to reach a negotiated solution to the Falklands crisis, warning that Britain would "have to use force" if Buenos Aires did not withdraw its troops from the South Atlantic archipelago.

The statement came as the British cabinet, presided by Mrs. Thatcher, convened in special session here Monday, official sources said. "We have gone as far as we can," Mrs. Thatcher said in an interview on Independent Radio.

"If the Argentines had wanted a peaceful settlement they would have taken more steps than they have done. I have seen no signs that they have done this in the last six weeks," the prime minister said.

Asked whether the current round of talks at the United Nations would be the last chance for a negotiated settlement, Mrs. Thatcher replied: "I think it may be. After all we have been negotiating now for six weeks. I have looked at six sets of proposals."

Expressing pessimism on the outcome of the U.N. talks, mediated by Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar, she charged that the Argentines "did not want a peaceful settlement. They not only fired the first shot, they are responsible for the invasion."

Mrs. Thatcher added that the U.N. talks, attended by British U.N. ambassador Sir Anthony Parsons who returned to New York Monday after two days of consultations in Britain, so far "have got nowhere."

If the Argentines had really cared to withdraw, and obey the Security Council resolution, we should have seen something by now."

Argentina threatens action British jets pound 2 ships

BUENOS AIRES, May 17 (Agencies) — Argentina said Monday it would take measures to protect Falkland Islanders from indiscriminate attacks by the British task force following air strikes on two freighters.

The military high command said British Harrier jets set one freighter ablaze and damaged another Sunday preventing food, medical and fuel supplies reaching islanders.

"Our forces will take the relevant measures to protect the legitimate rights of the population affected by the indiscriminate attacks of the British task force, the communique said."

The high command said British planes attacked the 8,482-ton *Rio Carrara*, which was set on fire, and the *Bahia Buen Suceso* in the channel between the two main Falkland Islands.

The *Bahia Buen Suceso* was involved in the incident that triggered the Falklands crisis in March. It transported 40 Argentine scrap metal workers who landed in South Georgia, a British dependency administered from the Falklands, and raised the Argentine flag there.

Defense Minister Amadeo Frugoli accused Britain of pursuing a two-faced policy. "While diplomatic negotiations are intensified, Britain steps up its military action," he said in a radio interview.

In London, a correspondent of Independent Television news reported a "red alert"

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Advances cut on contracts

RIYADH, May 17 (SPA) — Down payments on government contracts will not exceed 10 percent of the contract value instead of the present 20 percent, it was announced here Monday.

A responsible source at the Ministry of Finance and National Economy said that Crown Prince Fahd had ordered the continuation of the down payment system provided that it did not exceed 10 percent of the total contract value.

The source said that a ministerial committee formed for reviewing the system had noticed that other countries did not make down payments to government contractors as used to be the case here. Payments are made on the basis of payment certificates submitted by the contractors for jobs completed.

The committee also noticed that some contractors here used the down payments for purposes other than those connected with the government contracts.

Chrysler chief insults Arabs

WASHINGTON, May 17 (AP) — An Arab-American organization demanded Monday that Chrysler Corp. Chairman Lee Iacocca apologize for a recent anti-Arab remark.

James Zogby, executive director of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, said in a letter to Iacocca that his remark at a Denver convention was "a childish display of crude machismo."

The Chrysler chairman told a convention of executives May 3 that the government should levy a \$4 or \$5 per barrel surtax on imported oil as one step in an economic recovery program. "Kick the Arabs while they're down — That's what we should be doing," Iacocca said.

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King endorses Islamic shipping body's statute

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, May 17 — King Khaled decreed Monday the endorsement of the Islamic Shipowners Association statute whose establishment was mooted by Saudi Arabia. Shipping experts of Islamic countries drafted the association's statute in a meeting in Karachi, Pakistan, September 1980.

The King's decree commissioned the deputy premier and ministers to implement the provisions of the royal order.

The association, an organ of the 42-nation Organization of the Islamic Conference, aims at coordinating and unifying the efforts of OIC member states in promoting maritime transport through cooperation among public and private sector companies. Its ultimate objective is the optimum utilization of the potentials of Islamic countries' maritime fleets.

The idea has emerged from the general feeling that unsatisfactory communications links in the Islamic world have been one of the bottle-necks in the way of trade promotion and commercial ties development among Islamic countries.

The association also will protect the interests of members by providing sound counsel and creating an integrated network that will let these companies wield greater voice in international maritime affairs. It will encourage members to establish conference lines among Islamic states and set up joint maritime companies.

According to reliable estimates, only about 10 percent of global freight of the Islamic countries is carried by Muslim freight carriers. The share of Islamic states shipping companies in Hauling International Cargo is even far less.

Naif attends graduation of security cadets

RIYADH, May 17 (SPA) — Interior Minister Prince Naif chaired a graduation ceremony for the 38th batch of the cadets of the College of Internal Security Forces here Monday.

The function was attended by Deputy Interior Minister Prince Ahmad; several members of the royal family and top officials from various military sectors.

Welcoming the minister, Brig. Muhammad Al-Suhaili, director general of the college, said the Kingdom's progress and prosperity is a result of the perfect security conditions prevailing throughout the country. He added that cooperation among citizens and state officials was the most important factor in maintaining the country's security and stability. Among the graduates, there were seven officers from Qatar, he said.

One of the graduates also addressed the audience saying that he and his colleagues have been equipped with skill and knowledge during their study period, which will enable them to carry out the message they have been entrusted with.

After distribution of prizes and certificates,

Prince Naif said he was happy to see the number of cadets graduate from the college, so they take part in the service of their religion, sovereign and homeland. He urged the graduates to be righteous in imparting their obligations and to preserve the country's dignity and honor.

Prince Naif congratulated the graduates and wished them success in their future.

Information policy

RIYADH, May 17 (SPA) — Interior Minister and President of the Higher Information Council Prince Naif said Monday the council had formulated a final draft for the Kingdom's information policy. In a press statement, he said the draft will be submitted to the Council of Ministers for final approval.

"The policy has been under study by the cabinet and will be declared in the near future," he added. Prince Naif said: "The policy reflects an Islamic nature that conforms with the Kingdom's commitment to Islam and its sublime goals."

Farsi opens 10th municipal branch

By Maher Abbas
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, May 17 — Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Saeed Farsi opened Monday the Thaqir branch, the 10th such branch for the city municipality.

The mayor said during the opening ceremony that two more branches will be opened in June to bring the total to 12. The proposed branches are located in Beni Malek and Northern Obhor.

Meanwhile, the Thaqir branch director, Fuad Ahmad Saleem, said that the branch will serve the Sulaimaniya zone and the old airport site to the north; the Meridien Hotel area up to the University Street to the east; and Makkah Road to the south. These areas were under the jurisdiction of the University branch previously, Saleem said.

The opening ceremony was attended by Dr. Muhammad Ali Qattan, assistant mayor; Dr. Suhail Al-Qadi, assistant mayor for administrative affairs; and Abdul Hameed Al-Hariri, director general of the civil service board branch here.

BRIEFS

RIYADH (SPA) — Governor of Riyadh Prince Salman Monday signed a reciprocal contract with the Brazilian ambassador for ownership of the Brazilian embassy premises in the capital's diplomatic enclave. The governor signed another ownership contract with the Malaysian ambassador for the embassy headquarters here.

RIYADH (SPA) — National Guard Deputy Commander Prince Badr received here Sunday the West German ambassador to the Kingdom. They reviewed bilateral relations and the current international situation.

JEDDAH (SPA) — Foreign Undersecretary for Political Affairs Abdul Rahman Al-Mansouri received Sunday Indian Ambassador to the Kingdom T.T. Abdullah. Discussions covered bilateral relations and issues of mutual interest.

DOHA (SPA) — Saudi Fisheries Company Director General Nasser Osman Al-Saleh met Sunday Qatari Industry and Agriculture Undersecretary Ahmad Rahman Al-Manaa. Discussions covered cooperation between fishery companies of the two countries.

RIYADH (SPA) — The Ministry of Industry and Electricity has approved the setting up of 74 new industries with a total paid-up capital of SR264 million to manufacture 24 different products, a statement by the ministry said Sunday.

Assaf inspects new Aqiq airport

BAHA, May 17 (SPA) — President of Civil Aviation Nasser Al-Assaf arrived here Sunday morning at the head of a technical committee to inspect the Aqiq airport.

He held a meeting with the area governor, Ibrahim bin Abdul Aziz Ibrahim, and discussed matters connected with the airport operation now reaching completion. Assaf stated that Presidency of Civil Aviation is processing the matter, and added that the airport will serve Baha area and other neighboring regions which have natural surroundings and enjoy a pleasant climate.

When asked to specify the date of opening the airport, Assaf said the matter is before Prince Sultan, minister of defense and aviation. In regard to organizing flights, he said it will depend on the national carrier, Saudia, in view of its study on the traffic. However, the airport is expected to go into actual service in the second half of June.

Kayyal in Taipei

TAIPEI, May 17 (SPA) — A Saudi Press, Telegraph and Telephones Minister Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal arrived here Sunday from Seoul on an official visit to Nationalist China. Kayyal will hold talks with Chinese officials on cooperation between Saudi Arabia and Taiwan in wireless communications.

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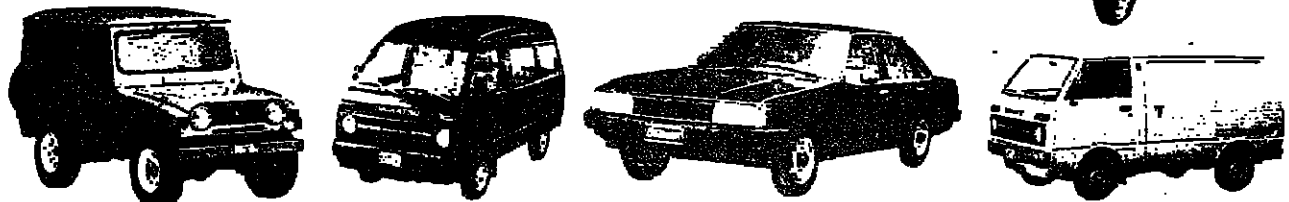
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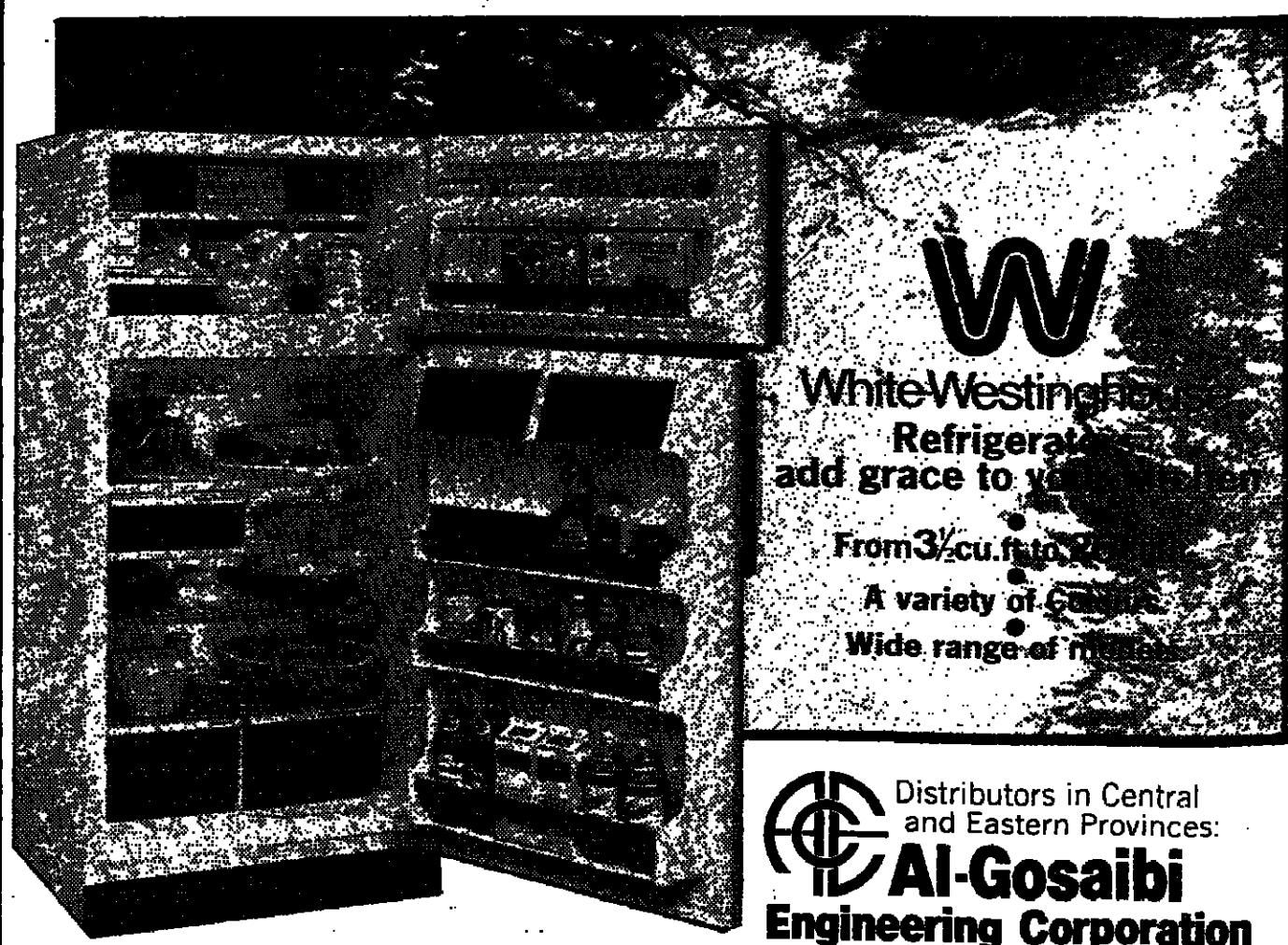
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29 more industries honored

SAFCO bags King's ideal factory prize

By Javid Hassan
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, May 17 — Riyadh Governor Prince Salman Sunday presented the King Khaled prize for the ideal factory to the Saudi Arabian Fertilizers Company (SAFCO) of Dammam at a function here. Twenty-nine other prizes in different categories were awarded to national firms as part of the government's policy to encourage the local industry.

Apart from the King Khaled award for the ideal factory, the other categories or prizes, instituted by the Ministry of Industry and Electricity, were for maintenance and industrial safety.

Factories from the Western and Eastern provinces bagged a major share of the prizes which carry a golden shield and a certificate for the first prize and a certificate for the second and third prizes. Ten meritorious prizes also were awarded to top firms in recognition of their outstanding performance.

Speaking at the presentation ceremony, Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Algosabi thanked King Khaled for his efforts in promoting the national industry. He said the royal patronage will go a long way in giving a fillip to local firms and in building up the country's industrial base. Prince Salman thanked the minister for the encouragement given to the national firms and hoped that this will contribute to the Kingdom's industrial growth.

In the King Khaled prize for the ideal factory, the second prize went to the Saudi Cement Co. of Hofuf and the third to the Yamama Saudi Cement Co. Ltd. of Riyadh. For the best maintained factory, the first prize went to the National Company for Cars Industry of Jeddah, the second to the Al-Jomaih factory for soft drinks packing (Qassim) and the third to the National Dairy plant of Sayhat (Eastern Province). In the industrial safety award, the first prize went to Saudi Bahraini Cement

Co. of Abqaiq (Eastern Province), the second to the Al-Zamil Airconditioners Factory of Dammam and the third to National Carpet Factory of Jeddah.

Speaking to *Arab News*, Dr. A. Qidwai, general manager of SAFCO, said the King Khaled prize is awarded on the basis of general running of the company, production, financial control, marketing and the development of Saudi personnel in the company besides safety considerations. "It is an overall performance that is judged and we feel extremely honored that we have been selected for this highest award. As a matter of fact, this is the first time that we have entered. And we wanted to make sure that every thing is in perfect order."

Qidwai said his company has the distinction of the highest utilization of man-days — 345 days in a year — which accounts for the company's exporting over 70 percent of its products to other countries.

Officials to discuss assistance to farmers

AHSA, May 17 (SPA) — Agricultural officials in the Kingdom will convene here Tuesday a three-day session to discuss assistance granted to farmers, increasing subsidy for dates and leasing agricultural machinery.

The agricultural department directors and Agriculture and Water Ministry branch heads' meeting will be chaired by Muhammad Ali Makki, deputy minister for agricultural affairs. The officials will deliberate on

reinforcing the ministry's branches by increasing their authority and role in supervising agricultural projects.

The meeting also will deal with agricultural guidance promotion, maintenance of water networks and organizing specialized technical training courses for the ministry's employees.

In another development, loans granted by the Eastern Province's Agricultural Bank

branches last year amounted SR150.7 million. The loans, which numbered about 1.4 million, were granted to farmers and animal husbandry project owners by the Qatif, Hafaf-Batin and Hofuf offices of the bank. Abdul Aziz Al-Uwaiser, acting director of the Hofuf branch, said Monday that the loans were used in securing agricultural machinery, water pumps, drilling equipment, fishing boats, bee hives and saplings.

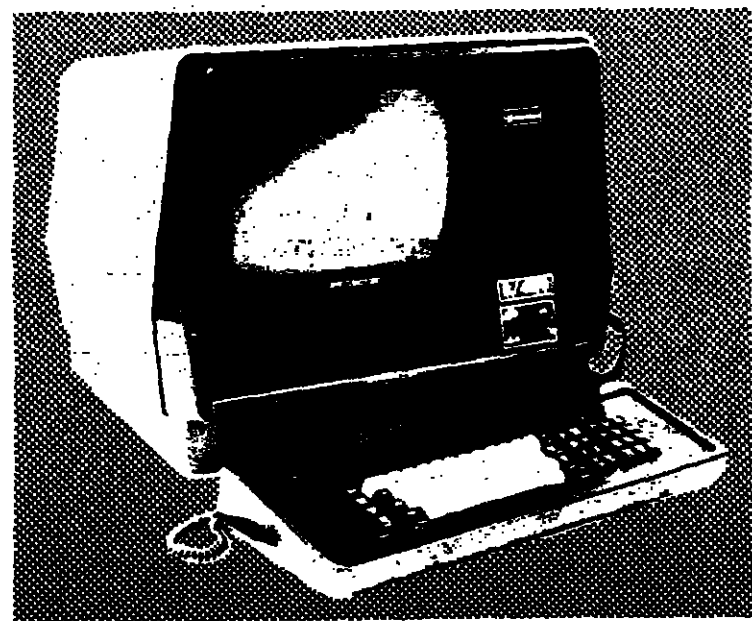
The loans contributed in financing 21 poultry farm projects which will have a combined productive capacity of five million chickens per annum, in addition to six million eggs. Three animal husbandry farms, also financed through the loans, will produce 6,600 tons of meat annually.

Uwaiser added that the bank's branches in the province granted last year SR63 million of assistance to farmers, poultry farm owners, lessors of agricultural machinery and dairy farm owners.

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Dhuhr (Noon)	12:17	12:18	11:49	11:36	12:00	12:30
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DHAHRAN, May 17 (SPA) — University of Petroleum and Minerals' Research Institute has awarded a SR6 million contract for supplying space photography treatment and monitoring laboratory. The contract provides for supply of equipment as well as training.

According to Dr. Abdullah Al-Dabbagh, the institute's director, Monday, the laboratory comprises a computer system designed to extract information. The laboratory will be used to analyze pictures taken by aircraft and satellites, he explained. The lab will be an appropriate facility to contribute to the development of the Kingdom. "It will be faster and more economic method compared to the efforts from the ground to achieve the same results," Dr. Dabbagh said.

The aerial pictures to be taken of the Kingdom will be used for ground purposes and maps, including environmental monitoring, pollution in Gulf waters and evaluating and selecting sites suitable for large installations like roads and airports. The aerial photography also will help conduct geological studies to improve and evaluate the Kingdom's natural water, petroleum and mineral resources, he said.

Tatal, Korean confer

Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, May 17 — P. John Chang, South Korean ambassador, met Prince Talal, UNICEF special envoy and president of AGFUND in Riyadh Saturday and discussed the scope of cooperation with AGFUND.

Chang discussed during his visit to the AGFUND office arrangements for the forthcoming visit of Prince Talal to Korea scheduled from June 21 to 24. The purpose of the visit, according to Ahmad Moosa Rizk, UNICEF information officer, is to follow up the children fund's activities in Korea, and study the situation of the children in that country.

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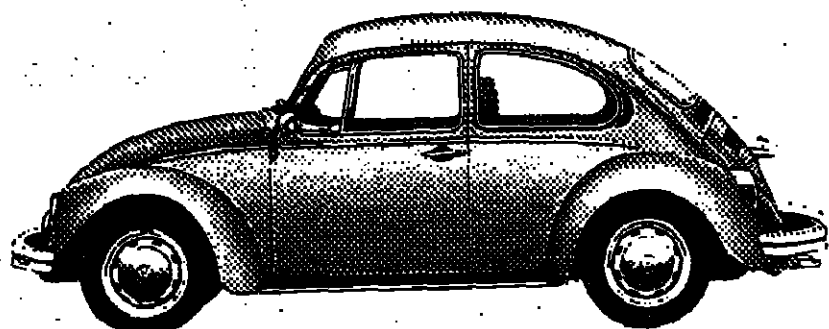
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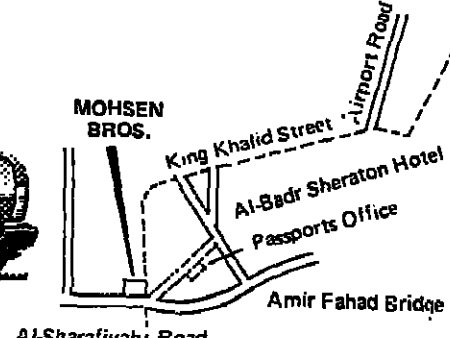
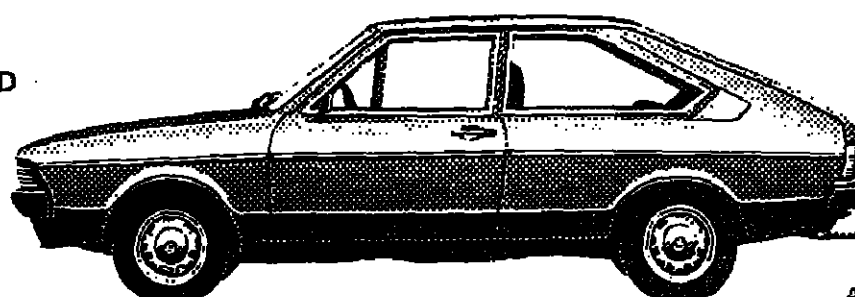
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Egypt arrests top extremist leaders

CAIRO, May 17 (R) — Egyptian Interior Minister Hassan Abu Basha has said that ringleaders of a Muslim extremist organization were arrested last Friday.

The official Middle East News Agency (MENA) quoted Abu Basha Sunday as saying that "elements outside Egypt seeking disorder and instability" financed such groups. Abu Basha did not say how many persons were arrested nor did he mention any charges. The minister told his aides throughout the country to watch for such extremists, MENA added.

He said the group belonged to Takfir Wal Hijra, or the society for repentance and flight from sin.

Earlier this month, the Egyptian state prosecutor demanded the death penalty for 299 ringleaders and activists of another Muslim sect who were connected with the assassination of President Anwar Sadat.

Kaunda vows to shun Israel

BAGHDAD, May 17 (Agencies) — Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda arrived here Monday from Kuwait after pledging that as a matter of principle, his country would not restore relations with Israel.

Kaunda made the promise in a television interview Sunday night after talks with the ruler of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah. Sheikh Jaber had asked him to work with other African countries to maintain the African boycott of Israel, official sources said.

In his television interview, Kaunda said Zambia severed relations with Israel in 1973 "not because you are our brothers and friends requested it. We broke off as a principle because of the situation in the Middle East."

Sidon shops, schools remain closed

SIDON, May 17 (R) — Shops, schools and businesses remained closed Monday as residents of this South Lebanese port went on strike in protest against fierce gunbattles Sunday between a local nationalist group and Palestinian commandos.

Six persons were killed and 13 injured in the battles between the Popular Nasserite Organization, a Sidon-based nationalist group and Palestinians. Rocket-propelled grenades and artillery shells used in the fighting set fire to 60 shops and buildings, causing damage estimated at millions of dollars.

French envoy returns to Syria

PARIS, May 17 (AP) — The French ambassador to Syria returned to Damascus Monday more than three weeks after he was recalled and two Syrian diplomats were expelled from France, the external affairs ministry said.

France pulled Ambassador Henri Servan out of Syria for consultations April 22 after a bomb exploded outside an anti-Syrian Arab-language newspaper, *Al Watan Al Arabi*, in central Paris. One woman was killed and

dozens of other people were injured.

Syria retaliated by expelling two French diplomats and recalling its envoy to Paris.

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BRIEFS

CAIRO, (AP) — Sudan requested Sunday an emergency Arab League meeting to discuss restoring relations with Egypt as a "serious step" toward achieving Arab solidarity, the Middle East News Agency reported. The Sudanese request was submitted earlier in the day to the Tunis-based Arab League. Sudan asked that the requested meeting be held at the ambassadorial level.

ISLAMABAD, (AFP) — Afghan Health Minister Dr. Muhammad Ibrahim Azeem has been removed and the portfolio has been given to Dr. Muhammad Ali, Radio Kabul monitored here said Sunday.

ISLAMABAD, (AFP) — Afghan President Babrak Karmal will shortly visit East Germany at the head of a high-powered delegation.

BEIRUT, (AFP) — British visas will be issued in Lebanon only to businessmen and those have pressing reasons to visit Britain. Ambassador David Roberts said here Monday.

NEW DELHI, (AFP) — Afghan government security forces killed 66 rebels in fighting last week in northern Badakhshan province, bordering the Soviet Union.

Time magazine survey

98 percent in W. Bank want Palestinian state

NEW YORK, May 17 (Agencies) — A poll of Arab residents of the Israeli-occupied West Bank published Sunday indicates a large percentage of West Bank Arabs have clear pro-Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) views.

Time magazine commissioned the Pori Institute in Tel Aviv to conduct the poll in conjunction with sociologists from Hebrew University. According to the poll, 98 percent of the residents favored the creation of a Palestinian state. Eighty-six percent said they wanted a Palestinian state run solely by the PLO. Fifty percent believed PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat should lead the Palestinians.

Time said interviewing for the poll was done in Arabic by about 40 Palestinians who talked to 441 persons living in 58 West Bank towns and refugee camps between April 4 and 15.

This was a period of growing uprising, with residents angry over Israel's dismissal of several West Bank mayors. Then on April 11, a U.S.-born Israeli reservist went on a shooting rampage in occupied Jerusalem's Al Aqsa and Omar mosques.

Asked which country had been most helpful to the Palestinian cause, 95.5 percent

named the Soviet Union, compared with 0.5 percent choosing the United States. Among Arab states, 33 percent preferred Syria.

Asked about peace between Israel and the Palestinians, 70 percent said it would never happen, while 25 percent said it would happen some day. Seventy percent said there were no Israelis they could trust.

Time said that when Israeli authorities learned of the poll, they said it violated a law and two regulations which applied to the West Bank. One polltaker was arrested as a member of a "Palestinian Arab group" and some of his data was seized, Time said. This data was not used to tabulate results. It said it showed the completed results to the Israeli government, which decided not to prosecute Time.

In another development, a bomb exploded Monday at a Jerusalem bus stop and another bomb went off at a soldiers' hitchhiking post near the occupied West Bank town of Jericho, police and military sources said. There were no injuries in either incident, the sources said.

Also, two firebombs were thrown at a military vehicle on the eastern outskirts of Jerusalem, the military said.

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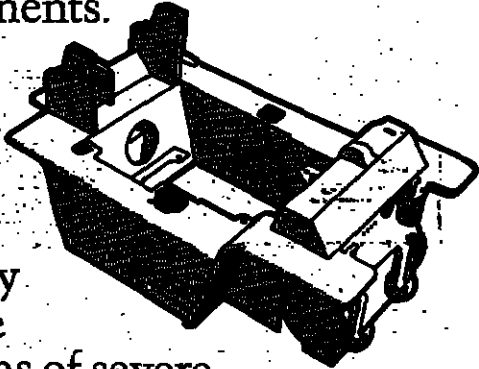
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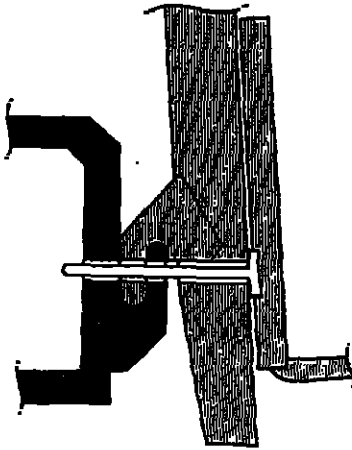
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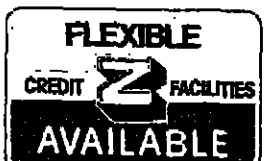
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Polls to test Mrs. Gandhi's popularity

NEW DELHI —

Tirelessly lambasting Communists and other political opponents, Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi is conducting a vigorous election campaign in four states with a combined population of more than 100 million. The elections for state assemblies in four of the country's 22 states, as well as by-elections for seven central parliamentary constituencies, are regarded here as a mid-term test of Mrs. Gandhi's popularity. She was swept into power in January 1980 for a five-year term.

Her Congress (I) is the ruling party in two states facing elections, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh. In the other two, Kerala and West Bengal, she faces tough Communist opposition. Win or lose, Mrs. Gandhi will retain her commanding national parliamentary majority as well as control over all but three of the remaining states.

But the result could indicate whether her ruling party is still a coherent force or suffering, as some critics allege, from an excess of infighting.

It is also likely to demonstrate that national opposition to Mrs. Gandhi is largely fragmented, even though a Marxist-led front is favored to beat her challenge in West Bengal and put up a strong fight in Kerala.

The Congress (I) trump card is undoubtedly Mrs. Gandhi herself, a fact demonstrated by her personal whirlwind campaigning almost from one end of the country to the other.

She draws vast crowd and seldom fails to hit the headlines with catchy remarks, particularly against the Marxists. Despite the severe grief she suffered when her son Sanjay died in a plane crash nearly two years ago, the 64-year-old prime minister appears to have lost nothing in energy and political drive.

A recent widely publicized split with Sanjay's young widow, Maneka Gandhi, has failed to have any political impact and the prime minister's position has been strengthened by the failure of the various non-Communist opposition groups to unite.

However, the mini general election, scheduled for May 19, may trigger a few political upheavals if current developments are any indication.

For one thing, opposition parties are getting nostalgic. Analysts point to the statement of Janata Party leader Chandra Shekhar, who has called for a "revival of the 1977 spirit." It was in 1977 that all the opposition parties had united to give a crushing blow to Mrs. Gandhi's emergency regime. Clearly, the country wanted a change of government. And the Janata stepped in to meet that need.

But now political observers doubt whether, the political wind is again blowing in favor of opposition parties to jolt Mrs. Gandhi from her high pedestal of power.

Several emotionally-charged statements were made at the recent Chandigarh convention of three opposition parties — Janata, a faction of the Lok Dal and the Congress (S). And confidently, Shekhar waxed optimistic about reviving the 1977 spirit to topple Mrs. Gandhi and her style of "authoritarian government."

However, political analysts doubt if Shekhar's claim is going to materialize. The opposition parties, they point out, are just a rag-tag arrangement. The Lok Dal faction, which had earlier broken away from the aging Charan Singh, made a dramatic turnaround and went back to the fold. The end result is that the opposition is now divided into several factions. One is the Janata Party backed by Congress (S); the other is the Bharatiya Janata Party led by former Janata Foreign Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee; and the third is Congress (S), headed by Sharad Pawar.

Former Prime Minister Morarji Desai is a loner. He did not attend the unity convention at Chandigarh and instead raved and ranted against Singh and other opposition leaders.

One of the curious aspects of the Indian political scene which bewilders many observers is that none of the aging leaders seems to retire from politics. Singh, in his late 70s, has just staked his claim to the prime ministership. And Desai is still talking about it as if the job is around the corner. (R-Depthnews)

Netherlands set for political wrangling

By Peter Calvert

THE HAGUE —

After a year with a virtually paralyzed government, the Netherlands now faces months of political infighting until elections expected in the autumn. The break-up last week of the three-party, center-left coalition government has left the Dutch without a policy to deal with some serious economic problems, particularly soaring unemployment and a huge government financing deficit.

But although immediate prospects appear gloomy, many Dutch commentators, as well as financiers and businessmen, now see signs that a more effective and successful government may rise from the wreckage of the one that fell apart last Wednesday.

"We may seem to have reached the nadir, but in fact there are more grounds for optimism now than for some time," one banker said at the weekend. The chief reason why the business community, at least, is hopeful is that opinion polls show elections are likely to produce a center-right coalition with a clear majority. This businessmen believe, would be more likely than any other government to tackle Dutch problems energetically.

The impact of such a government would also be likely to stretch beyond Dutch frontiers because it might well accept the placing of Cruise nuclear missiles on Dutch soil. This would be a major boost to NATO's strategy of dealing with Moscow but a defeat for the blossoming European peace movement.

In the meantime, however, there will be months of political interregnum and most Dutch are concerned about whether an interim coalition can be put together to take some effective decisions on the more pressing problems. The answer is only likely to emerge after days of talks.

The old coalition of Christian Democrats (CDA), Democrats-66 and Labor broke up when Labor ministers resigned in opposition to the other two parties' plans for spending cuts. The government was formed in September last year and was the product of four months of agonized, on-off negotiations after elections in May.

In its brief, troubled life, the coalition could make little impact. Along the way, an ambitious job creation scheme, major changes in social security law and other plans had to be scrapped or drastically modified because of internal wrangling. (R)



The politics of Argentina's junta

By Juan de Onis

Argentina's military junta, the supreme power in the land, is a triumvirate in which the parts are greater than the whole. Each of the three service commanders plays his own game in the junta, with objectives that are not always identical. Unanimity is required on all major decisions. It is a system that makes individual intransigence more rewarding than collective flexibility.

The greatest part of the junta is, of course, the army, whose commander-in-chief, Lt.-Gen. Leopoldo Fortunato Galtieri, doubles in brass as junta member and president of the republic, which means that he runs the administration. But the president is elected by, and serves at the pleasure of, the junta, so Galtieri's real power depends on retaining the command and confidence of the army's 45 generals.

This is Galtieri's political constituency, just as the other two junta members, Admiral Jorge Isaac Anaya and Brig. Basilio Lami Dozo, hold their jobs by satisfying the ambitions, emotions and stratagems of the navy and air force.

From this it follows that Galtieri is not a personalistic dictator, in the "strong man" tradition of more primitive Latin American regimes of force. He wears the blue-and-white presidential sash, signs decrees, but in the Argentina's division of power he is only one of the key players. This complicates the always difficult task of negotiating with the Argentine government, as U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig discovered in his failure to pressure the junta to adopt a more flexible position on the Falklands dispute.

The three services insist on being part of such negotiations with their own representatives at every stage, in order to keep their commander-in-chief informed independently. When the hour of decision comes at the junta level, it is enough for one commander-in-chief to dig in his heels on any point at issue for flexibility to go out of the window.

According to well-informed sources in Buenos Aires, it is Admiral Anaya who has taken the most intransigent line in the junta. He told Haig to his face that the navy considered him "pro-British." By contrast, Galtieri, whose personal sentiments are pro-American, took a much softer line in a meeting of generals, attributing Haig's defense of Margaret Thatcher's stability in office to "American interests."

There is also abundant evidence that the invasion of the Falklands was the product of long-range planning by the admirals, for whom projection of Argentine power into the South Atlantic is the prime justification for a large, modern navy.

A year ago, when Lt.-Gen. Roberto Viola, an army moderate, was in the presidency, the navy was already exerting pressure on the junta to adopt a time-limit for negotiations with Britain on the Falklands, along with a plan to invade if the stalemate continued.

When Galtieri eased out Viola, his old friend, and took over the presidency, Anaya had a more receptive ear for the Falklands operation. Galtieri is, by

temperament, an activist. He also has political ambitions, and the idea that the armed forces could achieve a high level of popularity by seizing the islands also sounded to Galtieri like a personal opportunity to extend his tenure as commander-in-chief cum president beyond his mandatory retirement next year.

The extent to which this had become an active prospect in the minds of Argentina's small, but militarily influential nationalist intelligentsia can be measured from the words of Adolfo Silencia de Stagni, a geo-strategist, in a book entitled *The Malvinas and Petroleum*, published last December, just as Galtieri became president.

"Since time is running out, and we have the resolve to recover the islands before 3 January 1983 — when Great Britain plans to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the occupation — there is no other way than to demand that the members of the military junta assume their historic responsibility to occupy the Malvinas. From that moment, they will receive without reticence the solidarity of Argentines of every ideology."

Galtieri mentioned recovery of the Malvinas in his inaugural speech, but his main concern seemed to be economic recovery. Argentina ended last year with an annual inflation of 130 percent. Unemployment was rising as many private companies went into bankruptcy. A new minister of economy, Roberto Alemann, proposed a plan to reduce government deficits, equal to 4 percent of Argentina's gross national product, by cutting down on spending, including the military.

Galtieri supported this, but Anaya raised the roof in the junta when Alemann tried to postpone investment by the navy in a submarine construction program with West German technical assistance. The navy argument was that Argentina's security needs in the South Atlantic, because of the Beagle Channel dispute with Chile and the Falklands problem, were more important than economies.

Although there is no conclusive evidence, there is strong suspicion that the navy concocted the flag-raising incident on South Georgia, where an Argentine civilian salvage party went ashore to dismantle an abandoned whaling station. The British reaction, sending Marines to remove the offending flag, played into the navy's hands, providing the spark for demands by the Argentine press (led by *Convicción*, a newspaper run by the navy) that the junta redress the "national offense." This was all too neat to be an accident, and it pushed the Argentine junta in the direction the navy wanted.

The Argentine navy has borne the brunt of the losses suffered at the hands of the British fleet. With a submarine and a cruiser sunk, and over 300 seamen and marines killed, the navy is the most bloodied of the three services. But it is also the proudest in the public eye.

There is evidence now that Galtieri wants to negotiate. The Peruvian initiative that sought to restore contacts between Argentina and Haig, through the good offices of President Fernando Belaunde Terry, began after the Peruvian president had conf-

ferred directly with Galtieri by telephone. But this opening was almost closed by the sinking of the Argentine cruiser, *General Belgrano*, after which a junta communiqué rebuffed the Peruvian initiative — temporarily, as it turned out. Despite the navy's hard line, Galtieri sent two trusted emissaries to Lima and the contact was resumed.

The Peruvians are among the strongest supporters of Argentina in Latin America, but Belaunde is a peace-maker. The Peruvian proposal favored the involvement of the secretary-general of the United Nations in a ceasefire and disengagement effort. But the great sticking-point remains, on the Argentine side, the insistence that the sovereignty issue is dealt with as the number one priority, and within a specified period. (ONS)

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1815 — Treaty of Peace is concluded by Prussia, Russia and Austria with king of Saxony.

1848 — German National Assembly meets at Frankfurt and suspends German confederation.

1878 — Colombia grants French company nine-year concession to build Panama Canal.

1941 — Italian forces in Ethiopia surrender in World War II.

1965 — U.N. special representative in strife-torn Dominican Republic recommends that the Security Council act to bring about ceasefire.

1967 — The United Nations agrees to Egyptian demand to withdraw U.N. forces from Gaza Strip.

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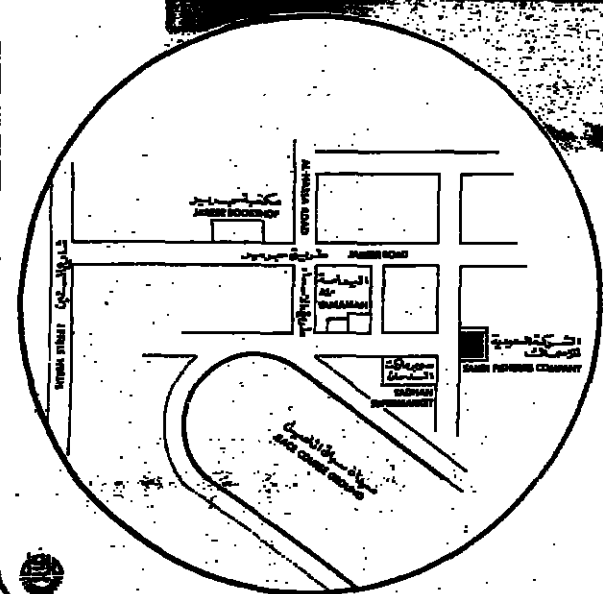
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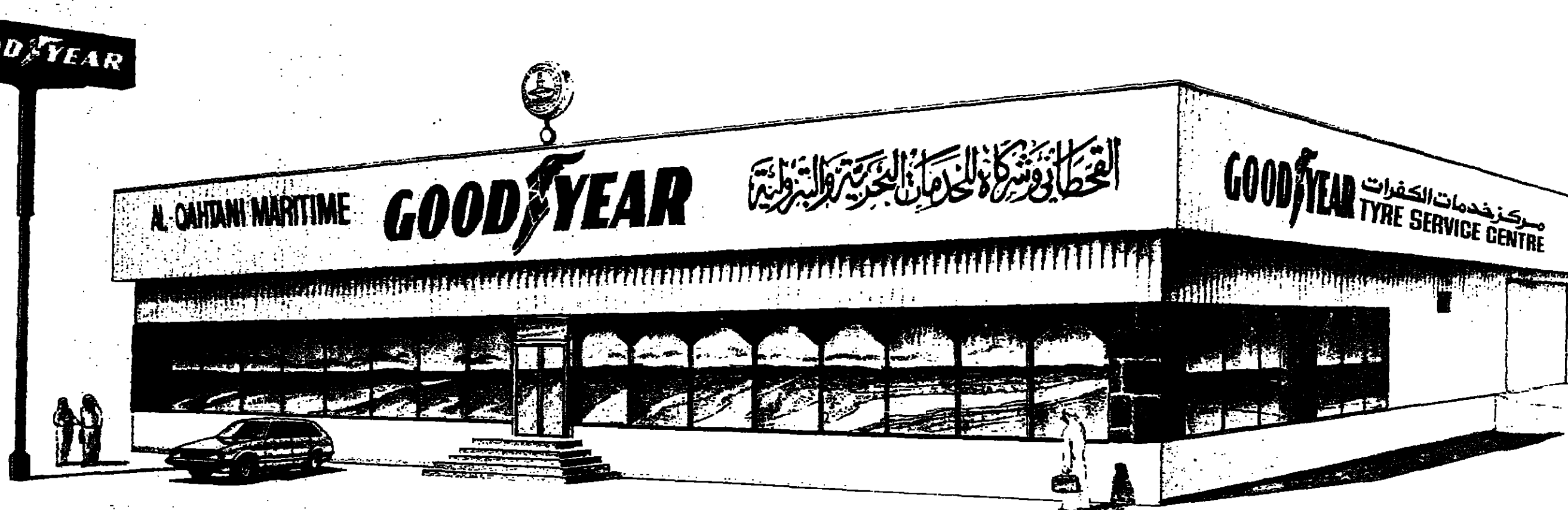
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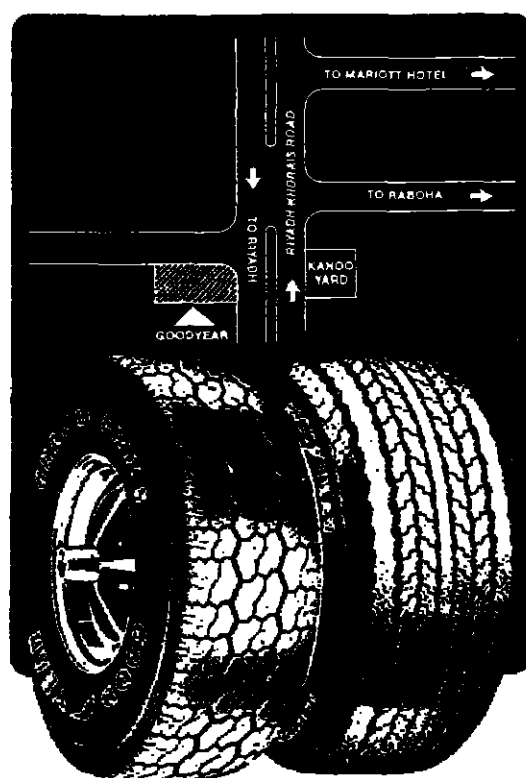
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Environmental lead damages children

By Andrew Veltch

LONDON, (G) — New evidence that lead is damaging children's intelligence and affecting their behavior came from Dr. William Yule and Dr. Richard Lansdown of London. Blood levels far below the government's safety limit result in lower attainment scores in reading, spelling, and intelligence tests, they told a London symposium on the effects of lead on health.

Lead at these levels is also associated with bad conduct, lack of attention, overactivity, even thumb sucking and nail biting, they said — although the latter two may suggest ways in which the stuff gets into their bodies.

The British Medical Association called for a reduction in lead in the environment. Italian scientists reported that 30 percent of lead in the body was traceable to petrol, and new U.S. findings show that lead levels have fallen by more than a third since the advent of unleaded fuel.

The government officially maintains that 10 percent of body lead comes from petrol, and that there is no evidence that levels of up to 35 micrograms per deciliter impair performance. However Yule and Lansdown's results come from children with levels of bet-

ween 13 and 32 micrograms per deciliter.

The doctors, from the Institute of Psychiatry and Great Ormond Street Hospital, London, have re-examined the 166 schoolchildren from south-east London whose lead levels they tested as part of an EEC survey.

They told the symposium, organized by the Clear Charitable Trust, an offshoot of the Campaign for Lead-Free Air, that 19 percent of children in the 13-32 bracket were overactive, compared with 4.9 percent of those with less lead in their bodies.

Measured with a series of personality and behavior tests, the children in the higher lead bracket were also more restless, easily distracted in class, more likely to daydream, and generally functioned less well at school.

Their findings on IQ ratings had important implications for the whole of society, they said.

They matched those of professor Herbert Needleman, who pioneered research on lead in the United States. He told the symposium that a small difference in lead content could increase a child's risk of intellectual impairment by a factor of four. At the top of the IQ range, it could prevent one child in 20 from

achieving what he called "superior functioning."

Professor Needleman, from the Children's Hospital, Pittsburgh, said children from inner cities with higher lead levels had lower verbal IQ's, full scale IQ's, and reaction times. They came out worse on teachers' behavior ratings and there appeared to be differences in brain waves.

He supported a call for mass screening of children — at 50 cents for a fingerprick test it would be very cost effective, he argued, and he added "the case against lead is more solid than for any other neurotoxin. If society is not going to act on it, I question whether society will act on any other toxin."

The effects of lead may be irreversible, said Dr. Ellen Silbergeld former head of the Neurotoxic Section of the U.S. National Institute of Health. Lead gets inside nerve cells and cannot be renewed, she told the symposium. Children exposed to lead in their first two years are likely to suffer most. That is the period of maximum brain growth, so the severity of any encounter with a toxin will, in the long term, be magnified.

The evidence suggests there is no threshold for the toxic effect of lead, she warned.

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By Peter J. Steincrohn M.D., F.A.C.P.

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: My trouble is pain in my legs when walking. I can walk about a block or two and suddenly have to stop and rest because the pain is so distressing.

My family doctor believes I'm having some obstruction to blood flow in my legs. I am 56 and otherwise healthy. He insists that I quit smoking, because this aggravates the condition.

He calls it atherosclerosis in the arteries. I'll need special X-ray tests of my legs. Can you explain? — Mr. H.

Dear Mr. H.: Your symptoms are called "intermittent claudication." The usual cause is atherosclerosis in the leg arteries. The pain comes on because the exertion requires more oxygen — which the arteries can't supply because blood is blocked off.

Your doctor is right: better quit smoking immediately, otherwise you won't improve.

As for your question about special X rays, conventional angiography uses contrast material. It is injected directly into an artery which makes it visible to X ray.

Pictures are taken as this material flows through the artery. Sometimes the injection is painful and difficult. It requires hospitalization and staying overnight.

I've just been reading of a newer method reported in "Radiology News Digest" by Radiologists Gerald D. Pond, M.D. and associates at the University of Arizona Health Sciences Center. It's called "digital subtraction angiography."

In this procedure, the contrast material is injected directly into a vein. X rays are taken. But, the study of the arteries is enhanced by use of computers. It does not require hospitalization.

MEDICALETTES

(Replies to and from readers)

Dear Doctors: I know you must be interested in the aging process —

Tomorrow: Caffeine and insomnia

and so are your readers. I am enclosing some observations I came across on a TV program featuring Noel Coward a few months ago.

It was called "Don't Count The Candles." I took down some notes which I think throw some light on Age. Here they are:

Twenty-seven million of our population are 65 or over.

Different people react in different ways to growing old. But all share one thing in common: mortality.

Try to come to terms with old age with grace.

Every man would like to live long but not be old.

The old home is the end of the road. Next stop: the coffin or crematorium.

For the aged, the tempo of living is tranquil and unhurried. There's all the time in the world. But old age is loneliness. Eat alone. Sleep alone. At 68 Noel Coward said that the sadness of growing older is contemporaries dying.

"If I could get out I wouldn't feel so lonely. A bird is company when you have no other company. Even a doll is company. Always has a smile on her face."

Don't like being called "Sir." Don't like being helped downstairs or off the curb. Having to screw up eyes to read. False teeth that click.

Don't let your brain slow down. Read a lot. Think a lot.

"Save me, save me, Doctor, but let me not be old."

Artists are fortunate. As they grow older their capacity increases. Many elders retire from life. Musicians and conductors never.

I'm not one for thinking of the good old days. The past isn't what you think it was.

We treat eminent persons with reverence when they are old; but not ordinary persons.

One longs to be looked after like a child.

But all is not lost: here's a 75-year-old man marrying a 78-year-old woman.



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East-West tensions hurt 'think tank'

By Kenneth Jautz

VIENNA (AP) — The chill in East-West relations has struck sharply at a major international think tank that was born in the age of detente.

The International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis was founded with a promise of cooperation among scientists from both major power blocs. Now, tarnished by a spy scandal, hit with a cutoff in United States support and facing a possible British withdrawal, the IIASA is retrenching and rethinking its priorities.

Institute officials privately say that many of their problems stem from the current political climate. They say Washington suspects that joint East-West ventures pass on Western technological know-how to the Soviet Union. Founded 10 years ago in a spirit of cooperation, the 17-nation center became a major East-West data exchange venture.

But the administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan announced recently a cutoff in the U.S.'s \$2.3 million contribution to the institute, which amounts to nearly 25 percent of the organization's budget.

"Given the mood in Washington, I should

have expected this," said one West European staff member who asked not to be named.

"But of course it still was a surprise."

Officials say they expect the institute's U.S. member, the National Academy of Sciences, to withdraw, and they acknowledge that the British are considering a similar move.

William Sandover, the British embassy's liaison for Vienna-based international organizations, said recently his government would make a decision soon, in addition, Great Britain and West Germany have registered complaints about the quality of scientific research in the organization.

But officials say the institute will survive its current troubles, and become stronger and more focused in the process.

"There is a rather rigorous screening process going on now," said spokesman Peter Schilke. "But the institute will not cease to exist."

Housed in a sprawling and stately former Hapsburg hunting lodge outside of Vienna, the institute is a computer-based organization that conducts research with both "hard" and social sciences.

With a pool of more than 100 scientists, the center specializes in the use of mathematical models to study long-range global problems

such as environmental and agricultural issues.

Officials have acknowledged that the flow of computer information at the institute is mostly West to East, but add that Eastern scientists have provided much environmental and other data never publicly released elsewhere.

But the center's reputation was tarnished last year when press reports charged that the institute's former Soviet secretary, Arkady Belozorov, was involved in a spy scandal unfolding in Norway.

In an effort to decrease their dependency on the prevailing political climate, institute officials are trying to broaden their support, encouraging some Third World members to join.

The institute also says it is searching for private support in the United States to replace the cutoff of government money.

Meanwhile, the center's management is planning a budget cut of at least 30 percent next year, to be achieved by streamlining research projects and preparing for staff cuts.

"It's a mixed atmosphere here now," said one official. "People know the cutbacks can hurt them, but they also believe the place will survive."

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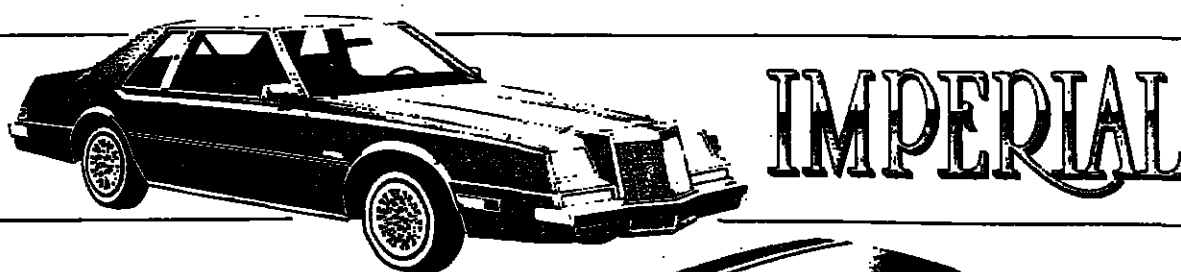
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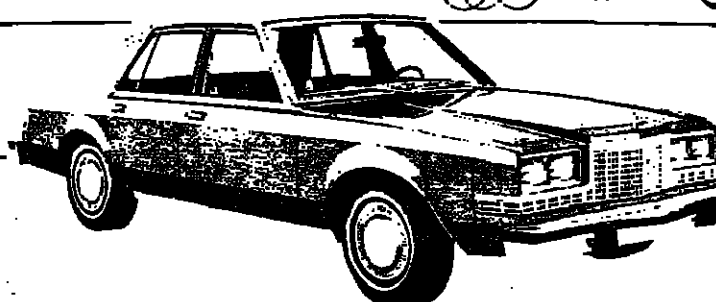
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Nazi hiring probe urged in U.S.

WASHINGTON, May 17 (Agencies) — Democratic Representative Barney Frank has called for a congressional investigation into reports that said State Department officials secretly smuggled hundreds of Nazi war criminals into the United States in exchange for Soviet intelligence information.

The Nazi recruitment operation "is the most appalling mixture of moral insensitivity and incompetence I have seen," said Frank, a member of the House Subcommittee on Investigations.

Frank said Sunday that he was informed of the clandestine program by John Loftus, a former prosecutor with the Justice Department's office of special investigation, the unit responsible for ferreting out war criminals.

Loftus described the smuggling program, run by the State Department's office of policy coordination, in the CBS program "Sixty

Minutes" on Sunday.

More than 300 Nazi war criminals still live in the United States and some of them work for the government, Loftus said.

The FBI, the Army, the State Department were all involved in enlisting Nazi help to spy on the Soviets in exchange for American citizenship and jobs, Loftus said.

Even though Presidents Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman barred entry to war criminals, and President Jimmy Carter declared in 1980 that any Nazi war criminal who had got into the country should be rooted out, CBS said many former Nazis were still living in the United States.

Loftus, now a lawyer in Boston, said he concentrated on one area of Byelorussia, a Soviet republic which was occupied by the Germans, to find out how many officials appointed by the Nazis went to the United

States after the war.

Loftus said the investigation found that "the entire Nazi government of Byelorussia — the president, the vice presidents, cabinet ministers, governors and mayors, police chiefs were all living in America." He alleged that the Federal Bureau of Investigation, army intelligence and State Department were aware of this, and in fact "recruited them because they were Nazis".

Asked if any were still in the United States, Loftus replied: "I would say that at a conservative estimate there are more than 300 Byelorussian Nazis in America today." He said they were U.S. citizens, and some were still working for the U.S. government.

CBS correspondent Mike Wallace alleged that some were working for Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty, U.S.-funded radio stations which beam broadcasts at Eastern Europe.

Loftus said the Byelorussian Nazis were recruited because U.S. officials believed they could be used in a secret army operating behind the Iron Curtain, to carry out assassinations and start a civil war. But he said the venture proved a failure because "every one of their operations had been penetrated by the Soviets".

Wallace said that two Soviet agents, ex-Nazi Heinz Felfe of West German intelligence and British agent Kim Philby, helped convince U.S. officials of the value of the former Nazis.

Loftus said that one former Nazi who worked for Radio Liberty and became a U.S. citizen was Stanislaw Stankevitch, who implemented German orders to kill every Jew in Byelorussia. He said his office drew up a case against Stankevitch, including confessions and admissions of his Nazi past. But Stankevitch, who was living in New York city, died before the case could come to trial.

Loftus said his investigations were hampered by the U.S. Army, which he said denied having any files on the people he wanted to track down. However, his own checks of army intelligence records turned up several such files.

He said the army had deleted many documents showing how the government had helped former Nazis to enter the country, adding "of the 10 dossiers I looked at, three have letters evidencing government assistance in entering the United States."

Patient killed by lions

LIEGE, Belgium, May 17 (R) — A woman psychiatric patient was killed and a nurse seriously injured by lions in a safari park near here Saturday night, police said.

The lions pounced on the two women when a footbridge they were crossing collapsed, throwing them into an area where the animals were roaming free. The patient was dead on arrival at hospital. The nurse was severely mauled and her left leg was severed and carried off by a lion.

Shaped like spiral galaxy

Scientists sight rare sunspot

WASHINGTON, May 17 (AP) — Scientists routinely surveying the sun have sighted a giant, pinwheel-shaped sunspot, the first time such a phenomenon has been seen in visible light, the National Science Foundation announced Sunday.

The foundation said astronomers at its Kitt Peak National Observatory in Arizona first saw the unprecedented sunspot on Feb. 19 and that it held its unusual shape for several days.

"I have been observing for over 30 years and I've never seen anything like this before," said Dr. William Livingston, a Kitt Peak astronomer. "It was a real curiosity, a rare thing."

Sunspots are dark, relatively cool areas visible on the surface of the sun. Temperatures of the spot can be as low as 7,000 degrees Fahrenheit, compared with about

11,000 degrees for the rest of the surface. They are caused by concentrated lines of the sun's magnetic field poking through the surface. Some scientists think their appearance may have connections to the earth's weather.

Sunspots, which appear in photographs as irregularly shaped dark holes, average about 6,000 miles (9,655 kms) in diameter. Large ones often measure 20,000 miles (32,186 kms) across.

The spiral sunspot, sighted and photographed by the vacuum solar telescope atop Kitt Peak, was approximately 50,000 miles (80,465 kms) across, more than six times the diameter of the earth.

Livingston said scientists were concerned for a time that the sunspot, shaped like a spiral galaxy such as the Milky Way, might develop solar flares. But none occurred.

Gunfire exchange takes place in Korean demilitarized zone

SEOUL, May 17 (AP) — A sharp exchange of gunfire took place Monday in the demilitarized zone dividing South and North Korea after a South Korean patrol detonated an old land mine, a United Nations Command spokesman said.

One South Korean was reported to have been killed and another wounded from the explosion of the mine, the spokesman said. No casualties were reported on the U.N. side in the exchange of fire that followed.

The spokesman said a civil police patrol was carrying out a routine check inside the demilitarized zone when it accidentally set off the mine that was believed to have been left there since the 1950-53 Korean War. After the explosion, he said, five North Korean guard posts opened fire against four U.N.

Command positions. He said the U.N. Command troops returned fire in self-defense and the exchange went on for as long as 10 minutes. The U.N. Command later protested what it called the indiscriminate shooting by the North.

The so-called civil police patrols were set up by the 1953 armistice agreement that ended the fighting in the Korean War. They are made up of South Korean military personnel rather than civil police.

One account said the North Koreans opened fire when the South Korean troops were attempting to evacuate their casualties from the explosion of the land mine. The incident took place on the central sector of the demilitarized zone north of Chorwon.

Photojournalist conquers mountain

KATMANDU, May 17 (AFP) — A three-man expedition led by Reinhold Messner, a mountaineer and photojournalist from the Italian south Tyrol, has reached the summit of Mount Kanchenjunga, the world's third highest mountain.

Messner, accompanied by alpine guide Gottfried Mutschlechner and Sherpa Ang Dorji, successfully climbed the north face of the 8,598-meter Himalayan mountain on May 8 according to the Nepalese Tourist

Ministry. The three mountaineers, who did not use oxygen during their ascent, took nine and a half hours in their bid for the summit from their final camp at 8,000 meters (26,000 ft). They spent 25 minutes on the summit before returning to camp.

Meanwhile, a five-man French expedition from the Pyrenees abandoned an attempt to reach the summit of Mount Fang, 7,647 meters, because of bad weather conditions, the ministry said.

Cambodia assured of Soviet aid

BANGKOK, May 17 (AFP) — Cambodian Foreign Minister Hun Sen has wound up a week-long visit to the Soviet Union assured that Moscow would continue to provide aid to the three-year-old Phnom Penh administration.

According to a joint communique carried by the Cambodian news agency SPK, monitored here, the assurance came during talks between Hun Sen and his host, Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko. The talks were conducted in an atmosphere of "complete, mutual understanding," the communique noted.

The Cambodian minister also obtained strong Soviet backing for the Indochinese states' call for a "dialogue" between themselves and the non-Communist Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) states of Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore and the Philippines.

The communique reaffirmed opposition to efforts, spearheaded by ASEAN, to obtain a political solution to Cambodia. The two ministers the communique said, "condemn the provocative agitation of forces hostile to the Cambodian people."

Without identifying the so-called provocateurs, the communique alleged they were operating under the "pretext of seeking a settlement to the 'Kamuchean problem' which they fabricated."

Crewmen murder freighter officer

NEW ORLEANS, May 17 (R) — Seven mutinous crewmen on a Panamanian freighter stabbed their chief first officer to death, threw his body into the Gulf of Mexico and terrorized colleagues with knives before surrendering, the U.S. Coast Guard said Sunday.

The ship was about 175 miles southeast of here when the master reported early Saturday that two knife-wielding Filipinos and five other crewmen had murdered the officer and were threatening to kill the eight others on board, a Coast Guard spokesman said.

The captain told the Coast Guard that he and most of the crew had locked themselves in for their own safety.

Americans favor N-freeze

NEW YORK, May 17 (AFP) — Most Americans favor a freeze in U.S. and Soviet production of nuclear weapons, but in the absence of a formal agreement almost as many people want the U.S. nuclear program to continue.

A poll by the Associated Press news agency and the National Broadcasting Corporation (NBC) of 1,599 persons revealed that 83 percent of Americans want a freeze in nuclear weapons. Only 14 percent disagreed, and 3 percent expressed no opinion.

But 74 percent of the respondents said it is more important or very important that the United States continues to produce as many nuclear weapons as the Soviet Union, with 21 percent against and 5 percent indifferent.

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Only 14 percent thought the United States should unilaterally disarm. But 50 percent agreed that the United States should disarm if the Soviet Union also did so at the same time. Twenty-eight percent of the respondents were opposed to any kind of disarmament.

Sixty-nine percent thought the chances of nuclear war would increase if Washington agreed to unilateral disarmament. Eleven percent said it would make no difference.

Three-quarters of the respondents thought that a "limited" nuclear attack would lead to a worldwide conflict, while 17 percent disagreed, eight percent had no opinion.

U.N. conference on apartheid opens

BRUSSELS, May 17 (AP) — A three-day United Nations conference on women and apartheid opened in Brussels Monday. Organized by the U.N. Special Committee on Apartheid, it is aimed at promoting "the struggle of women of South Africa and Namibia and assistance to them and their national liberation movements."

The organizers say that black women are double victims of apartheid, first as women, secondly as blacks.

The conference opened with testimonies from black and white women from South Africa, Namibia and Angola who spoke on alleged arbitrary arrests and mistreatments by South Africans.

The conference was prepared by a mission which visited Angola, Zambia and Tanzania.

The mission recommended to mobilize public opinion, especially through the Western press, on the plight of refugees, particularly women, children and old people from South Africa and Namibia and Angolan displaced persons.

It also aimed at "exposing the South African strategy of destabilizing the front-line states (Angola, Zambia, Tanzania) in order to weaken the rear bases of the national liberation movements" and find means to secure international assistance for the liberation movements.

Cosmonauts reactivating Salyut-7 station

MOSCOW, May 17 (AP) — Soviet cosmonauts, in the third full day of their flight aboard the Salyut-7 space station, were "completing the reactivation of the systems," Radio Moscow reported Monday.

The English-language broadcast said CMDR Anatoly Berezhovoy and flight engineer Valentin Lebedev "are feeling well and

say that weightlessness brought them no new surprises."

The two were launched into space last Thursday aboard a Soyuz T-5 launch vehicle and docked with the orbiting Salyut-7, 26 hours later. The station was launched April 20 and is expected to carry a French-Soviet team late next month.

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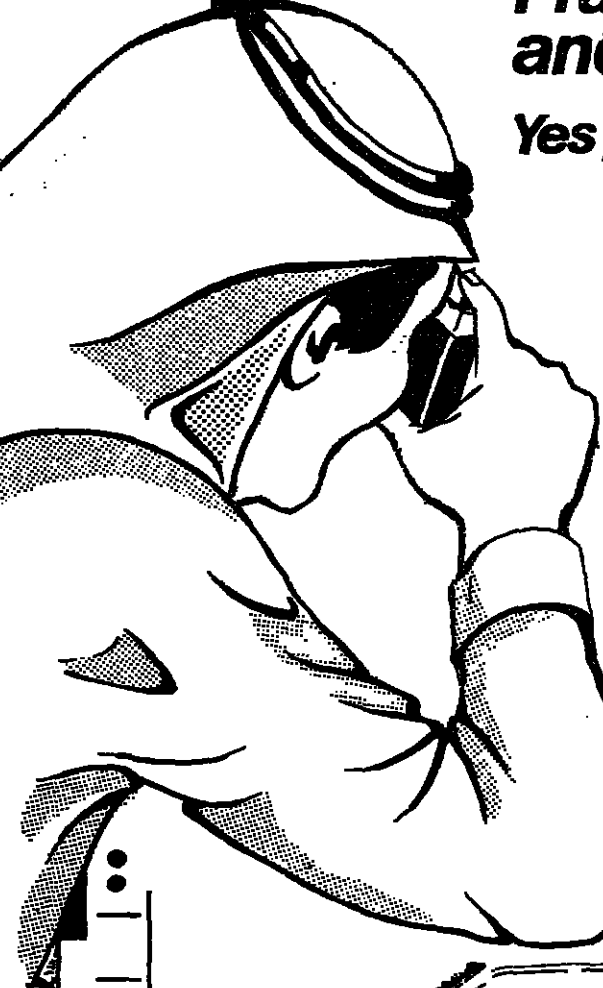


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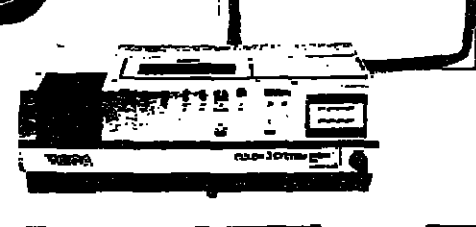
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To ease trade friction

Japan plans steps to lift import curbs

HAMBURG, May 17 (AFP) — Japan is to take "a second series of measures" aimed at opening its markets to foreign produce and investments, according to Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki in an interview published Monday in the weekly magazine *Der Spiegel*.

Suzuki did not spell out which trade measures were being studied, or whether they would include suppression of customs and non-tariff barriers against farm products, as wanted by the United States.

The prime minister did say, however, that his government intended to facilitate foreign activity in the field of services, and would

work out an arrangement within the framework of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

He mentioned banks, brokerage houses and insurance companies, suggesting that foreign firms would in future find it easier to open branches in Japan.

Last Thursday, after four-way (Japan, European Economic Community, United States, Canada) economic talks near Paris, Japanese Foreign Trade Minister Shintaro Abe said Tokyo was preparing measures to ease customs and non-tariff barriers to foreign goods.

However, U.S. demands for greater access to Japan's profitable food markets are meeting increasing resistance as concern grows over the future of the Japanese farmer.

To an increasingly vocal and wide range of the Japanese public, any major concession reducing agricultural import quotas could cause irretrievable social and economic damage.

Japanese government officials say that when Tokyo announces its next package of measures to soothe trade friction, probably later this month, agriculture will be only a minor feature.

"If we were going to make any drastic change it would have been done before," said one official, referring to long-term U.S. pressure on Japan to remove 22 of its remaining agricultural import quotas.

The United States has maintained that these quotas, particularly on beef and oranges of which American farmers are keen to export more, are contrary to international trade practices. But even U.S. officials admit their negotiating position has been weakened by President Reagan's decision to impose import quotas on sugar.

Koinhi Kato, chairman of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party's (LDP's) agriculture committee, said concessions on agricultural import quotas would be worth no more than \$700 million to U.S. exporters, compared to a total deficit of \$18 billion last year in U.S. trade with Japan.

Iraq charges Syria with breach of pact

NICOSIA, May 17 (AFP) — Iraq has charged Syria with violating an agreement on transit rights through the Kirkuk-Banias — Tripoli oil pipeline, the *Middle East Economic Survey (MEES)* has reported here.

The weekly journal said Iraq, in a complaint before the arbitration board of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), demanded cancellation of Syria's April 10 decision to stop pumping oil to Banias (Syria) and Tripoli (Lebanon).

The complaint also demanded adherence to the transit agreement, compensation for damages and payment for crude oil "confiscated" by Syrian authorities, the *MEES* said.

The agreement on movement of Iraqi oil through Syria stipulates that conflicts be settled by OPEC's nine-member arbitration board. The board's jurisdiction is optional, and both sides must submit to its mediation. But once they agree, the board's decision is final and binding.

The *MEES* report did not say whether the Syrian-Iraqi pact included a blanket arbitration agreement, or whether that was to be decided on an ad hoc basis.

OPEC ministers are scheduled to meet in Ecuador on Thursday where Iraq may raise the issue of Syria's breaching agreement and blocking the oil flow through its territory.

Accord ends June 30 Consumers rift bogs tin talks

LONDON, May 17 (AFP) — The International Tin Council has decided to empower the buffer stock manager to borrow funds up to the equivalent of 5,000 tons of tin as an interim measure (about 21 million pounds), pending a further meeting of the council in London on Tuesday May 25, a council spokesman said Monday.

The market showed little immediate reaction, trading lightly at 7205 and 7210 pounds a metric ton, little changed Friday's levels.

Further disengagement between consumer members led by the European Economic Community, and the producers, at Friday's council meeting and the need "to consult with their capitals," as one delegate put it, has necessitated this further delay in making a decision on what is to be done to push prices back up to profitable levels.

The matter is further complicated by the closeness of the end of the current agreement (June 30) and the fact that the new pact has not got the support it needs to get off the ground.

Quite a number of countries, members of this fifth five-year agreement, have not yet joined including the United States (the world's biggest consumer, accounting for nearly 30 percent of the world's consumption), the Soviet bloc (apart from Poland, which signed recently) and Bolivia (a major producer).

The complication arises when these countries ask for their contributions to be returned, which could be a long protracted affair. In addition, delegates are said to be unhappy

about seeing such a massive carryover into the new agreement, which could amount to at least 45,000 tons (worth 450 million pounds, or \$810 million) involving various credit arrangements in addition to members' funds. The buffer stock at the moment is reckoned to hold between 35,000 and 40,000 tons.

Of course, in the event of there being no sixth agreement, an issue to be discussed in Geneva in June by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), then the whole fund will have to be liquidated.

A special buffer stock committee meet in London Tuesday to discuss the whole problem and its recommendations will be forwarded to council.

The main worry is the endless drain on buffer funds. Some dealers estimated that 1,000 tons of tin a week is being bought by Pieter de Koning, the buffer manager, in Penang alone. Support buying operations have also been evident of late in London, although not on such a large scale.

Failure to arrange sufficient funds to buy up the surplus metal off the market will mean the current bad market situation, with prices below operating costs of many producers, will deteriorate even further, and do irreparable damage to the mining industry, delegates warned.

Current market levels are some 1800 pounds below the all time high touched in February, but the chartist and the newly established computer-orientated dealers are poised to sell, according to market sources, creating even more pressure on the buffer stock.

Jakarta listed as middle income state

JAKARTA, May 17 (R) — Indonesia has weathered the world recession successfully and has become a middle income country for the first time, according to the World Bank.

Despite a balance of payments deficit of \$2.5 billion in 1981/82, the Indonesian economy had performed remarkably well in the past year, the bank said in a confidential report supplied to a group of Western aid donor countries over the weekend.

"GNP (gross national product) per person rose to \$520 in 1981, thereby placing Indonesia firmly in the ranks of the middle income countries for the first time," it said.

The report said Indonesia was one of the few oil-exporting developing countries which had developed its non-oil economy to the point where economy was not immediately threatened by the weakening of the oil market.

French firm bags India phone deal

PARIS, May 17 (AP) — The French telecommunications firm Cit-Alcatel said Monday it has won a 3.2 billion franc (\$530 million) contract to extend and modernize India's telephone system.

Cit-Alcatel, a subsidiary of the recently nationalized Cie Generale d'Electricite (CGE) group, won the contract over bids from the U.S. giant AT&T, NEC of Japan and British Telecom. The company said the contract was to supply its E 10 electronic telephone exchanges, transfer its E 10 technology and modernize the Indian telecommunications industry.

Cit-Alcatel will install E 10 exchanges with a total capacity of 200,000 lines to satisfy India's immediate needs and set up a factory with a capacity of 500,000 E 10 lines annually. The French firm also will modernize a factory making electronic components in Tamil Nadu province.

The French offer of relatively cheap financing was believed to have tipped the scales in its favor. France is understood to have provided buyers' credits at an average interest rate of 7.5 percent, a move likely to elicit protests from the United States. The contract gives Cit-Alcatel an edge for a second telecommunications contract to be handed out by Indian officials next March.

A million visit World Fair

KNOXVILLE, May 17 (AP) — World Fair officials rolled out the red carpet for a surprised American family designated the "millionth visitors" to the 2-week-old exposition.

Tommy and Vera Britt were picked at random Sunday by fair officials as they were about to visit the fair with their two young daughters and infant son.

"These people are very close to being the millionth," said Carroll, the fair's communications vice president. "But anybody in their right mind would know that with four gates on different ends of the site there's no way we can know exactly who the millionth person is."

"You guess, if we wouldn't have spent 20 minutes arguing over where to park we wouldn't have been the millionth visitors," Mrs. Britt said.

In addition to free admission — which for the Britts was worth \$28.15 — the family received an assortment of souvenirs and a special tour of the fair site.

Bonn may slam door on 'swing' facility

BONN, May 17 (R) — A diplomatic game between West and East Germany is nearing its climax.

At stake for Bonn is the entry charge which West Germans must pay when visiting the East in the form of a minimum amount of currency to be exchanged each day.

At stake for East Berlin is an 850 million mark (\$375 million) interest-free loan facility each year to buy West German goods.

The 'swing' facility, as officials call it, expires June 30 and Bonn may be reluctant to renew the arrangement unless East German authorities lower the minimum currency requirement.

The inter-German tussle began when East Berlin more than doubled the currency requirement for visitors from the West to 25 marks (\$11) per person per day in October, 1980.

Cheaper rate for West Berliners, children and old-age pensioners were abolished. The drastic increase almost halved the number of West Germans visiting the East last year.

Though the Communist leadership used economic arguments to justify the rise, Western officials were convinced the main reason was to curb visits by Westerners and thereby prevent any spread of Polish-type

free trade union ideas and accompanying unrest.

Bonn branded the move a serious setback for inter-German ties and declared it could not accept the increase. But West Germany's leverage over East Berlin is limited and the government acknowledged reluctantly that the currency requirement was a sovereign decision for East Germany.

The 'swing' was due to expire at the end of 1981. But when Chancellor Helmut Schmidt met Communist leader Erich Honecker in East Germany last Dec. 12, he agreed to a temporary six-month extension.

Bonn Economics Minister Otto Lambdsoff said then there was a 'political-psychological connection' between prolonging the credit and achieving a reduction of the currency requirement, though Bonn officials stressed there was no formal linkage.

Government sources say Schmidt left East Germany with the impression that his strong words on the currency exchange question had not fallen on deaf ears.

But as the 'swing' deadline approaches with no sign of East German concessions, West Germany is playing down the connection with the credit line. "The ministers do not believe the swing is an appropriate

lever," government spokesman Klaus Boelling said.

West German officials say the issue has divided both the Bonn and East Berlin leaderships. They believe Honecker would like to make a gesture on the exchange requirement but is being blocked by politburo hardliners.

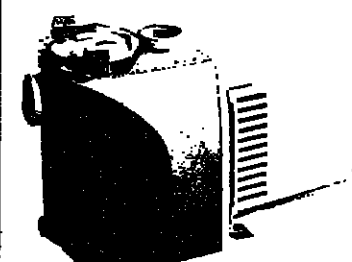
The officials say this camp is led by Defense Minister Gen. Heinz Hoffmann and state security chief Erich Mielke, who are still worried about Poland and fear a possible new contamination from the anti-nuclear West German peace movement.

East German officials in Bonn confirmed privately there were differences of opinion about the currency requirement and said a cut before June 30 was extremely unlikely. But they did say other humanitarian gestures by East Berlin were possible. That leaves Bonn with the problem of what to do about the 'swing.'

While inter-German Relations Minister Egon Franke is said to favor a substantial reduction of the credit facility, Schmidt's closest aides are arguing for another temporary extension, informed sources said.

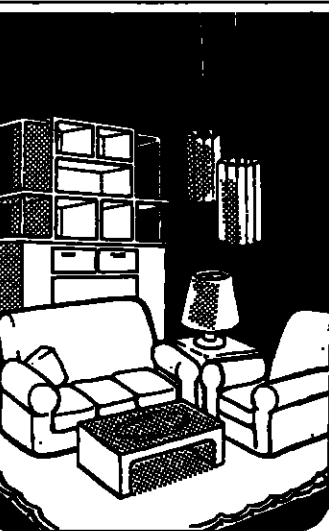
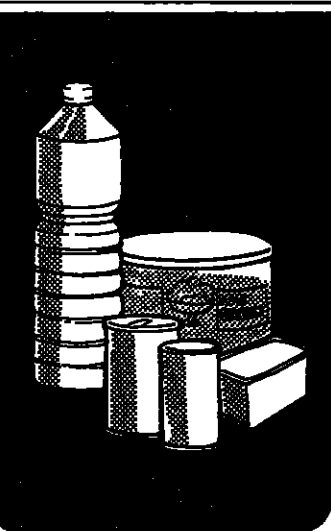
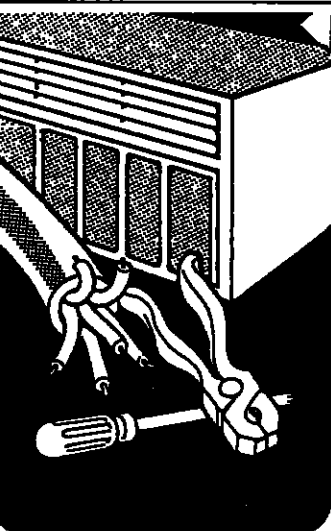
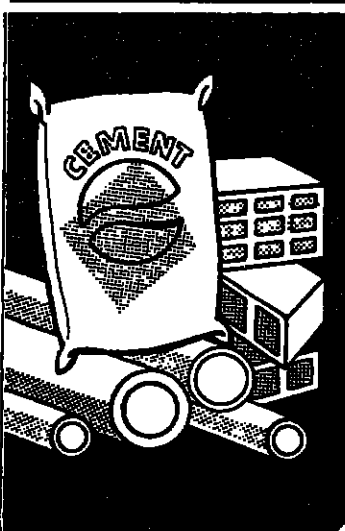
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Sequel to Falklands crisis

Banks wary to aid L. America

NEW YORK, May 17 (R) — The Falkland Islands crisis has made many banks wary of lending to Latin American borrowers and has accentuated a trend toward tougher terms on loans to the region, senior bankers said here.

Officials of leading U.S. banks said European banks have been markedly more cautious about committing themselves to Latin American loans since the crisis erupted with Argentina's seizure of the islands from Britain on April 2.

U.S. bankers stressed they themselves do not view Latin America as a single bloc. Their main concern is that Argentina, the region's third largest borrower after Brazil and Mexico, might soon have trouble servicing its debt.

U.S. banks are owed some \$9 billion of Argentina's \$35 billion external debt. Argentina, whose assets in the U.K. have been frozen, continues to meet payment commitments to all but British banks, and says it is paying its share into an escrow account in New York.

But the efforts of Economy Minister Roberto Alemann to restore the country's economic health are likely to be damaged by military spending and an EEC ban on imports from Argentina. Alemann is scheduled to meet bankers here Monday.

The realization that a country with debts larger than Poland's might have payment problems has focused the attention of top bank officials on the whole Latin American region at a time when its demand for funds is especially high.

Early in May, Mexico announced it was seeking a loan of up to \$2.5 billion. The next day, bankers here discussed a request from Venezuela for a loan of some \$2 billion. Many smaller loans are also being sought.

Although a number of recently signed loans were increased from previously plan-

ned amounts, U.S. bankers said smaller banks, especially in Europe, are being increasingly reserved in their responses to new suggestions.

"The less sophisticated the bank, the more likely it is to generalize the Falklands problem into the whole of Latin America," said one U.S. banker. Another added: "In the case of Europe, even the biggest banks are very cautious."

Bankers said they were not referring only to British banks. Standard Chartered Bank Ltd. withdrew from one recent Venezuelan loan.

Caution has been most evident in discus-

sions of loans to countries which are or have been allies of Argentina, bankers said, adding that Venezuela's request and that of the Peruvian state agency Cofide for a \$320 million loan have received a hesitant response.

Peruvian officials were questioned about the country's role in the Falkland Islands dispute in a meeting with bankers here last Friday. They said Peru was acting only as a mediator in the dispute, bankers said.

The view of Latin America as a bloc and the reduction of available lenders has combined with heavy borrowing demand to intensify a trend toward tighter loan terms.

EEC curbs vital, U.K. says

LUXEMBOURG, May 17 (AFP) — Britain considers that failure Monday by the EEC to extend its month-old economic sanctions against Argentina would hamper the search for a negotiated Falklands settlement, an authoritative British source said here.

Argentina should get a "signal" from Luxembourg in the form of renewed sanctions, the source said.

On many crucial points the EEC commission's suggestions Sunday on cutting Britain's EEC budget contribution "does not meet the arrangements of the May 30, 1980 agreement. These provide for a ceiling, adjustable upward from 800 million European Currency Units in the case of 1982, for the British reduction figure."

The British source said agreement seemed as hard to reach as with the previous formulas, if not harder. Britain's refusal to accept various compromises on the budget question is holding up application of the farm prices fixed for the current agricultural year.

Freight mart records rise in activity

LONDON, May 17 (AFP) — Activity improved on the freight market last week although there was continued anxiety over the Falklands conflict with shipowners being given notice to quit a large area of the South Atlantic by their insurers.

There was inquiry to ship grain out of the River Plate area, but little response was evident by the owners.

The Soviet Union was seeking alternative grain supplies to those from Argentina, according to brokers, but no new fixing was reported.

Once again the Atlantic fared better than the Pacific as regards rates, with vessels still said to be ballasting toward the more profitable region to seek cargoes.

The Far Eastern and Indian ocean zones remained quiet and rates tended to soften accordingly.

Communist Chinese chartering reappeared in the single voyage sector, taking several sugar cargoes from Cuba and they were forced to pay \$45.50 ton for a 14,000 tonner, \$3.50 more than in March.

Turkish inflation registers jump

ANKARA, May 17 (R) — Turkey's annual wholesale price index, used here as the measure of inflation, rose above 30 percent in April for the first time since September, according to government figures published Monday.

The trade ministry said that on a 1963 base of 100, the April index was 4336.5, a 34.2 percent year-on-year rise and a 2.6 percent gain from March.

Financial Roundup

Dollar rates shed gains

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, May 17 — The dollar eased back slightly over Monday trading with the British pound and German mark regaining lost ground. In the money markets, Eurodollar deposit rates were also slightly easier by between 1/16 to 1/8 percent in most tenors and European dealers were anxiously awaiting to see if the trend will continue in New York on Monday night.

In the meantime, the three-month medium term Eurodollar deposit rate was traded at 14 1/4 to 14 1/2 percent levels and the one-year deposit rate at 14 7/16 — 14 9/16 percent. The shorter deposits continued to fall back sharply and the one-month rate fell to 14 7/16 percent at one stage.

As for the local markets, rial deposit rates had a quiet day Monday with the flat yield curves of the past few days continuing. Activity was concentrated in the shorter tenors and dealers also expected rial rates to come down this week.

In the bullion markets, gold and silver were stable to firmer Monday but trading was thin and dealers were still cautious about forecasting any meaningful trend for the next few weeks. Gold traded at \$338 levels in London, with little difference over Friday night New York closing rates. Silver, however, was firmer by about 10 cents to reach \$6.75 on Monday compared with 6.65 on Friday.

The Monday exchange markets did not reveal any major surprises, with the European dealers reacting to the weekend Friday closing trends established in New York. The lower than expected rise in the U.S.

money supply figures as well as the continuing sluggishness of U.S. industrial production figures helped to pull the dollar down on the exchanges. The German mark gained more than 100 points to trade at 2,2910 levels while the French franc went up to 5,9860 levels from Friday's 6,0310 prices.

The Swiss franc still affected by interest rate cuts and traded unchanged at 1,9380 levels but the British pound was resilient at 1,8290 levels with dealers pointing to firm demand for sterling despite the increased frequency of armed clashes in the South Atlantic. Once again little Bank of England support was detected in London. The Japanese yen on the other hand did not seem to capitalize on the dollar's fall in the money markets and the yen traded at 235 to 236.00 levels — little changed over Friday prices. The statement by the Japanese authorities that they were planning to liberalize their imports into Japan has helped to keep the yen depressed.

On the local exchanges, spot rial-dollar rates fluctuated between 3,4302-10 to 3,4295-03 levels with some moderate activity reported at 3,4298 levels. The money markets saw rial deposit rates quoted at 12 5/8 to 13 1/4 percent for nearly all tenors but with some falls in the shorter end of the market taking the week-fixed rate to 12 1/2 percent from 13 percent Sunday.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	338.25
Paris	340.93
Frankfurt	339.01
Zurich	338.50
Hong Kong	340.41

More fall in Seoul loan scandal pit

SEOUL, May 17 (R) — The chairman and president of South Korea's Iljin Steel Company have been arrested on charges of involvement in a multi-million dollar loan scandal, the Prosecutor-General's Office said Monday.

The office said Iljin chairman Chu Chang-Kyun had been charged with bribery and president Bae Kil-Hun with issuing cheques knowing they would be dishonored.

This brings to the number of people charged with involvement in the unofficial

loan market scandal that has pushed dozens of companies to the verge of bankruptcy and rocked the South Korean economy.

The prosecutor's office alleged Chu had given bribes totaling 50 million won (\$ 70,000) to former Commercial Bank of Korea president Kong Duk-Jong, also under arrest, to keep Iljin credit lines open despite its insolvency.

Bae was charged with issuing 861 million won (\$1.2 million) worth of cheques knowing there were no funds available to meet them, the office said. A spokesman for the office said the president, managing director and an auditor of Kong Yung construction company had also been arrested on charges of embezzlement connected with the scandal.

Kong Yung president Byun Kang-Woo, managing director Byun Tae-Su and an auditor, Kim Dong-Ui, were charged with complicity to embezzle 1.2 billion won (\$1.7 million) of company funds and breach of trust.

They were alleged to have given 129.9 billion won (\$180 million) in collateral for loans totaling 16.9 billion won (\$23 million) to money-lenders Lee Chol-Hi, former deputy head of the Korean Central Intelligence Agency (KCIA) and an ex-parliamentarian, and his wife Chang Yong-Ja.

The three-times-married Chang Yong-Ja's first husband, Kim Su-Chol, was also arrested and charged with evading 261 million won (\$360,000) in taxes on a 400 million won (\$554,000) gift from his ex-wife, the prosecutor's office said.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 7:30 p.m. Monday	SAMA	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.10	9.11
Bangladesh Taka		16.40
Belgian Franc (1,000)		78.60
Canadian Dollar		278.00
Deutsche Mark (100)	149.50	149.30
Dutch Guilder (100)	135.25	135.00
Egyptian Pound	3.43	3.63
Emirates Dirham (100)	93.40	93.50
French Franc (100)	37.60	37.35
Greek Drachma (1,000)	52.50	53.30
Indian Rupee (100)	—	37.00
Iraqi Riyal (100)		
Italian Lira (10,000)	27.20	27.00
Japanese Yen (1,000)	14.63	14.63
Jordanian Dinar	10.12	10.01
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.05	12.02
Lebanese Lira (100)	69.50	69.30
Moroccan Dirham (100)	55.50	59.65
Pakistani Rupee (100)	29.75	29.75
Philippines Peso (100)	—	41.30
Pound Sterling	6.28	6.26
Qatari Riyal (100)	94.35	94.35
Singapore Dollar (100)	33.00	164.90
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	167.50	33.75
Swiss Franc (100)	176.50	176.10
Syrian Lira (100)	57.60	63.60
U.S. Dollar	3.439	3.432
Yemeni Riyal (100)	75.40	75.15

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As they rally in ninth

Expos fail to check fast-moving Padres

NEW YORK, May 17 (AP) — Garry Templeton smashed a three-run home run in the ninth inning, Sunday, highlighting a seven-run San Diego rally that carried the Padres past Montreal 8-2.

In other National League action, Bob Bajor drove in three runs with a pair of singles in a nine-run sixth inning as the New York Mets routed the Los Angeles Dodgers 13-4.

Elsewhere in the NL Sunday, it was Philadelphia 6, San Francisco 1; Cincinnati 3, Pittsburgh 1; Atlanta 5, St. Louis 2; Chicago 2, and Houston 1.

In the American League, Detroit edged Minnesota 7-6, Chicago downed Milwaukee 6-1, Texas prevailed over Toronto 2-1 in 10 innings, Kansas City defeated Boston 5-0.

Toney aids 76ers trounce Celtics

PHILADELPHIA, Pennsylvania, May 17 (AP) — Sharpshooting Andrew Toney scored a playoff career-high 39 points as the Philadelphia 76ers trounced the Boston Celtics 119-94 Sunday to take a 3-1 lead in the National Basketball Association Eastern Conference Championships.

The fifth game in the best-of-seven series to determine an opponent for the Western Division champion Los Angeles Lakers will be played in Boston Wednesday. A sixth game, if necessary, will be in Philadelphia Friday night.

Toney, a second-year guard, 14 of 20 from the field and 11 of 12 at the foul line. Julius Erving contributed 17 points and controversial center Darryl Dawkins had 16 as the Sixers snapped a 44-44 tie with 3:31 left in the half and never trailed again.

Boston closed the gap to five at 72-67 with 3:28 left in the third quarter. Parish led the Celtics with 18, while Larry Bird had 17 and Cedric Maxwell and Kevin McHale each 14.

Lewis claims magnificent double in UCLA

LOS ANGELES, California, May 17 (AP) — Carl Lewis, who Sunday ran the third fastest 100 meters ever at Modesto, Monday jumped the third fastest ever at an athletics meet at the UCLA (University of California) Drake Stadium here.

The 20-year-old Lewis leaped an amazing 8.61 meters. Only Bob Beamon, with the assistance of Mexico City's altitude, and Lewis himself have jumped farther. Beamon soared an incredible 8.90-m in 1968, while the Alabama-born Lewis achieved 8.72-m — the best ever at sea-level — at last year's United States Championships.

On Saturday in Modesto, Lewis, a University of Houston student, who was brought up in Willingboro, New Jersey, ran the 100 meters in 10-second dead — something he did in April last year. Only record holder Jimmies (9.95-sec) and Cuba's Silvio Leonard (9.98-sec) have run faster — and both did it at altitude. Lewis' younger sister, Carol, also won the women's long jump with 6.66-m.

While Banks triple jumped a pace-setting

Leicestershire scrapes home

LONDON, May 17 (AP) — Steve Stuchbury, a 27-year-old left-arm pace bowler, celebrated his first game for Yorkshire this season by grabbing five for 16 in his eight overs at Leicester — but it was still not good enough to prevent Leicestershire dramatically winning the John Player League game by one run.

It was Leicestershire's second close win of the weekend. On Saturday they pipped Worcestershire by six runs in the Benson and Hedges Cup and Sunday they squeezed home by preventing Yorkshire from scoring the 20 runs they needed from the last two overs.

Some excellent seam bowling by Barry Wood, who captured four wickets for eight runs, coupled by a stand of 64 between Geoff Miller and Peter Kriesten (72) for the third-wicket, helped Derbyshire to a four-wicket win, with seven balls to spare, against Sunday champions Essex.

County champions Nottinghamshire lost England's Derek Randall off the second delivery of their match against Worcestershire and it put them on the slippery path to a six-wicket defeat. None of the Nottinghamshire batsmen reached 20 and their all-out

Rain restricts Yorkshire batsmen

BRADFORD, England, May 17 (AP) — Rain forced an early tea, and threatened to end the second day's play Monday, between the touring Indians and Yorkshire here.

Yorkshire were 213 for two wickets, still 163 in arrears, while chasing the tourists 376 for five declared. Bill Athey was still batting, with the openers being the batsmen to fall. Jim Love, the two-drop bat, made three runs in 25 minutes before retiring with a strained thigh.

Yorkshire, openers Kevin Sharp and Richard Lumb played the limited Indian attack. Sharp, a promising left-hander, and veteran

California blanked Cleveland 3-0 and Oakland and the New York Yankees 7-6.

In Sunday's late night game, Baltimore edged Seattle 5-4 on Rick Dempsey's sacrifice fly. Rich Dauer and Ken Singleton had homers for the Orioles, while Mariners starter Gaylord Perry struck out 11 in a losing cause.

Montreal held a 2-1 lead into the ninth inning against San Diego. But with one out, rookie Alan Wiggins singled and stole second. After Juan walked, Templeton tagged reliever Jeff Reardon for his second homer of the year, thrusting the Padres in front.

Before the inning was over, Sixt Lezcano and Edwards added RBI-singles and Luis Salazar drove in two runs with a double. Hubie Brooks contributed three hits to the 12-hit Mets' attack and New York took advantage of four Dodger errors.

Rick Mahl, who pitched two shutouts in the first week of the season but had not won a game since then, broke his dry spell by hurling Atlanta past St. Louis. The Braves scored their runs with two out in the first inning with Bob Horner's two-run double fueling the rally.

Philadelphia's Mike Krukow hurled a three-hit, and the Phillies won their 13th game in the last 14 starts, beating San Francisco. Mario Soto spaced seven hits, pitching Cincinnati past Pittsburgh. Alex Trevino had three singles, driving in two and scoring another.

Three Chicago pitchers combined for a four-hitter as the Cubs nipped Houston. Doug Bird worked the first seven innings before Bill Campbell and Willie Hernandez finished up. Hernandez came on to strike out Alan Knicely for the final out with two runners on base.

Steve Kemp and Tom Paciorek drove in five runs between them and rookie Salome Barojas posted his ninth save of the season as the White Sox defeated Milwaukee. Alan Trammell belted a grand slam homer and Larry Gordon's solo shot in the seventh inning moved Detroit past Minnesota.

17.36 meters — better than anybody else so far this year. Britain's 22-year-old Adrian Royle, from Manchester, won the two miles in a fast time of 8 min 24.58 sec, while Kenya's Sam Koskei, studying at the Southern Methodist University in Texas, sped to a 1 min 44.93 victory in the 800 meters.

Last November the unheralded Royle, now studying at Nevada, created a surprise by beating marathon world record holder Alberto Salazar in the United States Cross Country Championships.

Lewis, who reached 8.61-m twice, on his second and fourth jumps, as well as 8.45 m, was jumping outdoors for the first time this season. His first jump was a mammoth 8.79 m but, unfortunately, he fouled. "I've still got to improve my technique," he said. He said he was pleased with his sprinting. "I feel in good shape and hope to get under 10 sec this year," he added.

Bob Roggy just missed his own American men's javelin record. Roggy threw 92.04 m. He is the only American to have bettered that, throwing a U.S. record 93.72 m last month.

total of 118 proved little trouble to Worcestershire, who were given an excellent start of 88 in 25 overs by New Zealand's Glenn Turner and Alan Ormrod. Turner made 50 in 70 minutes and hit five fours.

Sri Lankan Gehan Mendis featured in an opening stand of 46, hitting a four and six in one over from Botham, which helped Sussex to 153. Somerset never recovered from losing Viv Richards and Botham for only one run between them, and slumped to a 19-run defeat at Hove.

Kent's Chris Tavare showed he could score quickly when needed by hammering a 100-minute 103 for Kent as they cruised to a seven-wicket win over Glamorgan. He was 103 not out, including a six and seven fours, as he and captain Asif Iqbal (156 not out) of Pakistan, put on 124 in 16 overs for an unbeaten winning fourth wicket stand.

Glamorgan's 205 for six revolved around a third-wicket stand of 154 in 26 overs by South African Rodney Ontong (84) and Pakistani Javed Miandad (70). West Indies' captain Clive Lloyd, with two sixes and seven fours in 72, showed the way as Lancashire powered to a 106-run triumph over Gloucestershire.

BRIEFS

Sunday, Bernard Hinault of France retained the overall lead.

ROSTOCK, East Germany, (AP) — The Soviet Union won the final two gold medals at the European Judo Championships here Sunday to finish top nation in what was overall a disappointing competition.

TOKYO, (R) — The Japan Softball Association said Monday it had decided not to take part in the controversial fifth World Women's Softball Championship in Taiwan in July.

ROME, (AFP) — Corrado Fabi of Italy, driving a March 822 BMW won the 32nd Rome Formula Two Grand Prix here Sunday.

HAMBURG, (AP) — Boosted by virtual assurance of the West German Bundesliga Championship, SV Hamburg Monday were cool and confident they can snatch the UEFA Cup in Wednesday's final against Gothenburg. The north German soccer aces lost the first leg of the final 0-1 against the Swedish side in Gothenburg May 5.

BIRMINGHAM, (AP) — Defending champion Indonesia built up a 4-0 lead over host nation England on the first day of the Thomas Cup Badminton Tournament at Birmingham Sunday.

ROME, (AFP) — Urs Freuler of Switzerland won the 169 kms fourth stage of the Tour of Italy Cycle Race from Assisi to here



Jack Nicklaus...in ecstasy after winning Colonial Golf crown

Higgins regains world title with dash of class

SHEFFIELD, England, May 17 (R) — Alex "Hurricane" Higgins of Northern Ireland won the World Professional Snooker Championship here Sunday night, 10 years after his only previous success in the event, and burst into tears.

The emotion of victory proved too much for the tense Higgins' nerves after a cliff-hanging final in which he beat six times former champion Ray Reardon of Wales by 18 frames to 15. When he last won the title, in 1972, Higgins was the youngest player to capture the championship. He was just under 23 and he collected a cheque for 480 sterling (\$860 dollars).

Sunday, at 33, he received a winner's purse of 25,000 sterling (\$45,000), with prospects of up to about 300,000 sterling (\$540,000) for deals which seem sure to follow his magnificent victory.

Higgins earned his nickname of "Hurricane" because of his tearaway style, but he is calmer at the table these days and even the

Meanwhile, Ian Thompson of Britain won the seventh Paris Marathon through the streets of the city Saturday. The 32-year-old Thompson, a former European champion at the event, covered the 42.195 kilometers (26 miles 385 yards) in a time of 2:14:07, heading a field which was predictably predominantly French.

After the withdrawal through illness of Ron Tabb, the American who won this event last year, there was only Thompson of any great note left in the race, although it is now eight years since he ran his way to the top of the European rankings.

Thompson has, however, declared his intention of running in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, at an age when most athletes would be thinking of retiring. Saturday's performance was kept below his best by the heat and humidity, and he said afterward: "I knew I was going to win when I went to the front at the 30 kilometer mark."

But he added: "I won't be going to Athens for the European Championships, but there are a lot of other Marathons to run, and in fact I prefer courses like this one."

Peter McNamara fights back in vain

HAMBURG, May 17 (AP) — Jose Higuera of Spain scored an impressive 6-4, 7-6, 6-7, 3-6, 7-6 victory over Peter McNamara of Australia to claim the \$250,000 German Open Tennis Tournament Sunday.

Higuera bagged the first two games and looked poised for a straight set victory, but McNamara fought back to grab the next two only to concede the decider and bow out.

In Oklahoma, Shlomo Glickstein broke service twice and blunted John Sadri's service in two tie breakers to win Bank of Oklahoma Classic. Glickstein won 7-6, 8-6.

Stan Smith and Bob Lutz earlier teamed up to beat Roscoe Tanner of Kiawah Island, South Carolina, and Dick Stockton of Dallas 7-6, 6-7, 6-3 for the doubles title in the \$125,000 tourney.

Hunt makes presence felt in Cosmos colors

NEW YORK, May 17 (AP) — Forward Steve Hunt of England celebrated his return to the North American Soccer League by assisting on three goals as the Cosmos downed the Chicago Sting 3-1 Sunday.

Hunt, a key part of the Cosmos' 1977 and 1978 NASL Championship teams has played for the last three years for England's Coventry City Team. He returned to the Cosmos last week.

Giorgio Chinaglia of Italy gave the Cosmos a 1-0 lead at 23:19 with his eleventh goal of the season after taking a pass from Hunt. Steve Moyers increased the margin to 2-0. Rookie Richard Chinapoo scored the Cosmos final tally at 72:35 on assists by Hunt and Moyers. Duncan McKenzie of England netted for Chicago.

In Sunday's other game, Brian Horneby scored two goals, including the game-tying tally with one second left in regulation time, as the Drillers posted a 3-2 shootout win over the Vancouver Whitecaps at Edmonton.

Horneby, who had given Edmonton a 1-0 lead at 19:28 of the first half, beat Whitecaps goalie Tino Lettieri of Canada to tie the game at 89:59. Peter Beardsley of England had put Vancouver ahead 2-1 midway through the second half, scoring two goals.

Following a scoreless 15-minute overtime, the Drillers won the game by putting three of four shootout attempts past Lettieri, while the Whitecaps got just one shot by Edmonton goalie Peter Mellor.

19 long months to the magical touch

FORT WORTH, Texas, May 17 (AP) — Jack Nicklaus scored his first victory in 19 months Sunday, and his first since 1978 in a regular tour event, firing a 3-under-par 67 in the final round and winning the Colonial National Invitation Golf Tournament by three strokes.

Nicklaus, who hadn't won since 1980, recaptured his old magic Sunday by sinking a clutch birdie on the 16th hole, while Andy North crumbled in a dramatic two-shot swing to storm to his first Colonial crown in 10 attempts.

His 72-hole total was 7-under-par 273, while North, who hasn't won since the 1978 U.S. Open, shot a 2-over 72 for a 276. Jerry Pate, a former U.S. Open champion, fashioned a final round 1-over-par 71 for 277, while Tom Kite sneaked into fourth place with a 4-under 68 for 278.

The 42-year-old Nicklaus answered the question of whether he would ever win again

by making birdie on the first two holes, and then surviving the pond fronting the ninth green.

Nicklaus managed par on the hole, while the co-leaders dropped five shots. Young Danny Edwards went from 6-under to 3-under with a triple bogey by knocking two balls in the water and North fell to 4-under with a double bogey. North battled back with two birdies on the backside then bogeyed 15 and 16 when Nicklaus turned the heat on.

It was the 69th tour victory for Nicklaus — he has yet to win the Canadian Open and the Los Angeles Open. The \$63,000 first place prize boosted his lifetime earnings to \$3,907,320. The total prize money in the Colonial was \$350,000.

Meanwhile, Bernard Gallacher of Scotland won the first major British Golf Tournament of the season when he carried off the first prize in the "Martini" International in Lindrick, Yorkshire, Monday.

The British Ryder Cup player carded a

total of 277 for the four rounds to lift the trophy and 11,000 pounds (around \$20,000) prize money by three strokes from another Briton, Nick Faldo and Jose Canizares of Spain, who each picked up 5,730 pounds (around \$10,000).

In Atlanta, Georgia, Kathy Whitworth claimed a record 83rd career victory Sunday when she fired a 2-under-par 70 for a 207 total that gave her a four-shot conquest in the \$150,000 Lady Michelob Golf Tournament.

Whitworth had to fight off a last-day charge from Barbara Moyness, a fifth-year player who held a two-shot lead before going bogey-double bogey on the 15th and 16th holes. Whitworth, playing one group after, sank a four-foot birdie putt at No. 16 to put the victory on ice.

Moyness finished with 971 for a 5-under-par 211 total and tied for second place with Sharon Barrett, who closed with a 68, including an eagle 2 when she sank a wedge shot from 85 yards on the second hole.



ALL CONCENTRATION: Alex Higgins, who regained the World Professional Snooker Championship after 10 years, beating Ray Reardon by 18 frames to 15.

Islanders make it 3 in a row

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, May 17 (AP) — Mike Bossy scored two power play goals in the second period and led the New York Islanders to their third straight Stanley Cup title with a 3-1 victory over the Vancouver Canucks Sunday night and a sweep of the National Hockey League Championship series.

The Islanders became the first United States-based team to win three Cups in a row, and they did it by winning their last nine playoff contests and their final seven on the road. The achievement marked still another chapter in the amazing story of the Islanders, who 10 years ago as an expansion team, posted the worst record in NHL history — 12-60-6.

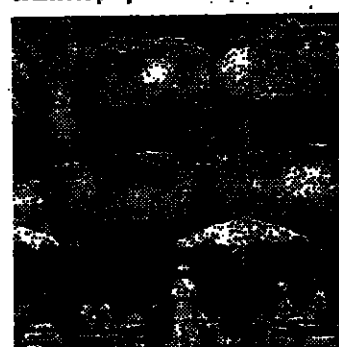
Bossy, the leading goal scorer in the playoffs with 17 in just 19 games, paced the four-game sweep of Vancouver and earned the Conn Smythe Trophy as the most valuable player in the postseason. His seven goals in the best-of-seven finals tied Jean Beliveau's record, set in 1953. Bossy's offensive effort complemented another superb goal-tending effort by New York's Bill Smith, who allowed ten goals in the four games.

The Islanders, directed by coach Al Arbour, joined the Montreal Canadiens — winners of five straight titles from 1956-1960 and four in a row from 1976-79 — and the Toronto Maple Leafs — 1947-1949 and 1962-1964 — as holders of North America's oldest sports trophy for three consecutive seasons.

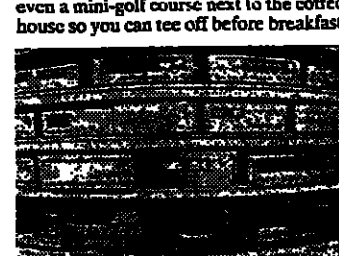
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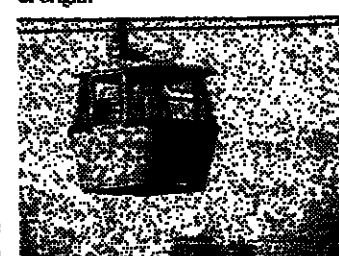
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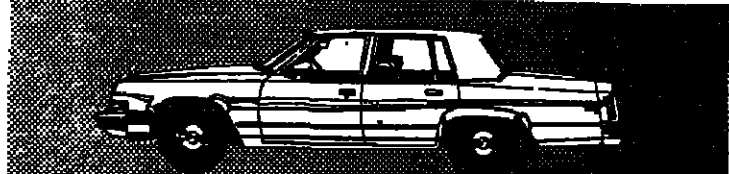
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Discordant note on EEC

Mitterrand supports U.K. over Falklands

LONDON, May 17 (Agencies) — President Francois Mitterrand Monday reaffirmed French support for Britain in the Falklands conflict with Argentina during talks with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, French officials said.

British officials welcomed the French stance. "France is extremely supportive of our position over the Falklands," a spokesman for Mrs. Thatcher said.

The talks however struck a discordant note on the thorny problem of Britain's contribu-

U.S. sailor killed in Puerto Rico

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, May 17 (AP) — Anti-Navy extremists claimed responsibility Monday for the murder of one U.S. Navy sailor and the wounding of three others in the bloodiest attack on U.S. military men here in over two years.

A San Juan radio station said a man who called Monday morning said, "pay attention. Sunday's attack was carried out by the Pro-Liberation of Vieques Group, against the navy practices in Vieques." He then hung up, the station said.

Gunmen shot four sailors from the USS *Pensacola* early Sunday morning as the sailors, wearing civilian clothes, walked back to the ship at San Juan pier. The *Pensacola* was in the Caribbean taking part in Ocean Venture 82, massive war games that included bombardment practice and an amphibious landing on Vieques, a small island off Puerto Rico's east coast.

The island has been the scene in the past of demonstrations by protesters who want the navy to halt its operations there. There was no interference with the Ocean Venture 82 maneuvers, which began April 27 and ended Monday with the departure of the ships involved.

A federal official, who asked that his name not be used, said the group which took responsibility for the attack had not been heard from before. But authorities said they were taking the group seriously.

Petty officer 3rd class Darryl T. Phillips, 22, was killed. Petty officer 3rd class Larry S. Skowronski, 21, petty officer 3rd class Randall L. Keyte, 23, and seaman Avohony L. Phaneuf, 20, were wounded. The navy said Skowronski, wounded in the abdomen, was reported in stable condition. A navy spokesman said the other two were in stable condition with guarded prognoses.

It was the bloodiest attack on U.S. military personnel in Puerto Rico since pro-independence terrorists attacked a navy bus in December 1979, killing two sailors and wounding 10 others.

The same extremist organization that claimed responsibility for that attack acknowledged shooting at reserve officers a few months later and claimed it had destroyed nine jet fighters worth \$45 million belonging to the Puerto Rico Air National Guard last year.

The FBI, the naval investigative service and the Puerto Rican police were all investigating the shooting.

tion to the European Economic Community (EEC) budget. British officials said there had been a frank exchange of views on the budget issue but no real progress.

Britain has caused a major community crisis and upset France by vetoing an agreement on farm prices until it gets a big cut in its net contribution to the EEC budget. On Sunday the other nine EEC countries offered Britain an \$800 million rebate on its 1982 budget payments. Officials said Monday that Britain was still holding out for a long-term reform of the budget system.

Also present at the talks, which included a working lunch, was French Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy. The meeting lasted 90 minutes longer than scheduled. Mitterrand arrived in Britain Monday morning. Mauroy was in Scotland over the weekend.

Mitterrand's visit here was the last in a tour of capitals of the seven major industrialized nations due to take part in the Versailles economic summit next month. The others are the United States, West Germany, Italy, Japan and Canada.

France has been one of Britain's strongest backers in the Falklands crisis, banning arms supplies to Buenos Aires the day after Argentina seized the disputed British colony last month. At the weekend Mrs. Thatcher thanked President Mitterrand for telephoning her that same day to express his support. "I shall never forget that quick and timely gesture," she told a meeting on Franco-British cooperation in Edinburgh.

But France is also bitterly critical of Britain's demands for reform of the EEC budget and its refusal to agree to increases in farm prices until it gets a refund on its budget contributions.

Last week in West Germany Mitterrand made a thinly veiled attack on Britain for blocking agreement. Without mentioning it by name he said the EEC would not survive if countries constantly claimed vital interests to veto agreements. The issue of farm prices was raised in Brussels Monday while in Luxembourg EEC member ministers met to discuss Britain's budget payments and to decide whether to renew trade sanctions against Argentina, due to expire Monday night.

Dutch coalition talks begin

THE HAGUE, May 17 (R) — A mediator appointed by Queen Beatrix Monday began official talks with Dutch political parties to solve a government crisis following the collapse of the three-party, center-left coalition.

Piet Steenkamp, a professor of law appointed official mediator Friday, devoted much of the weekend to studying the background to last week's coalition breakup after the Labor Party walked out.

He is likely to spend several days discussing options with all major parties, politicians said. He will present a formal plan for setting up a workable government only when he has a clear idea of their views. Steenkamp was given the widest possible brief by Queen Beatrix and instructed simply to solve the crisis as quickly as possible. But he is likely to find the solutions are limited.

The generally expected outcome is a minority government of the two remaining parties in the coalition, the Christian Democrats (CDA) and Democrats 66, paving the way for elections later this year. This option is the only one which appears near to meeting the main requirements of major parties.

Brezhnev's Blanco claims poll win in Dominican Republic

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic, May 17 (Agencies) — Government candidate Salvador Jorge Blanco claimed the Dominican Republic's presidency Monday on the basis of a substantial early lead after a big voter turnout.

Jorge Blanco, a 55-year-old left-of-center from President Antonio Guzman's Dominican Revolutionary Party, was running stronger than Guzman did four years ago. Their party also was leading in races for the House and Senate.

In party primaries, Jorge Blanco was the candidate of the government party's left wing and opposed Guzman's centrist faction. But after the preliminaries were over, he picked

up support from a number of more conservative businessmen and bankers. He also promised no radical changes in foreign policy — specifically not to reopen relations with Cuba.

Returns from 361 of the 5,611 polling places gave Jorge Blanco 52,789 votes, or 48.69 percent; former President Joaquin Balaguer, 75, of the right-wing Reformist Party, 35,531 voters or 33.69 percent, and former President Juan Bosch, the leftist who was deposed, 11,782 votes or 10.85 percent.

Five other candidates ran far behind. The balloting Sunday was conducted in an atmosphere of calm unmatched in the recent turbulent history of this country of 5.6 million persons who emerged from a 30-year dictatorship in 1961 and spent the next 20 years in an often painful transition to a fragile democracy.

In recent weeks, however, there were sporadic street clashes in which nine persons were killed and about 100 injured. Election officials predicted the turnout might approach 90 percent of the 2.6 million voters. People waited patiently in lines that stretch for blocks. In the 1978 election, the turnout was about 85 percent.

The military, which four years ago tried to stop the vote count when Guzman started winning, was conspicuously absent from the streets of the capital. In the last four years, Guzman rearranged the military leadership, and this time the commanders pledged to remain neutral.

Jorge Blanco, said at the early morning news conference, "I will not be really president until next Aug. 16, at the inauguration." On that date, he will begin a four-year term in office. Outgoing president Guzman chose not to run for another four-year term.

Jorge Blanco is a lawyer and devout Catholic who pledged during his campaign to strengthen economic and other ties with the United States. On the Falklands crisis, Jorge Blanco has backed Argentina's claim to the South Atlantic archipelago, but added that the Falkland islands were "not worth a war".

He told reporters he planned to visit the United States and Europe before taking office to meet foreign leaders and tell them of his country's problems. "The economic problems we face are grave but with the support of the people, as manifested in the elections, we can overcome them," he said.

The Caribbean republic is suffering from high unemployment and inflation, current account balance of payments difficulties and a foreign debt estimated at over \$2 billion. In an apparent aim to clear the air of rumors of a possible coup d'etat against him which ran through the electoral campaign, Jorge Blanco said that his relations with the army and the police were "excellent", adding that several of his relations were senior officers.

But because each party may at first seek a solution which primarily suits itself and given the complexities and rivalries of Dutch politics, it may be some time before Steenkamp presents a formal recommendation, politicians said. His suggestion would then have to be voted on by the individual parties involved. In Dutch political history, many accords which appeared sewn up have failed at this stage.

A major concern of the business and financial community is that an effective interim government be formed to deal with pressing economic problems. The cause of the coalition's collapse was Labor's objections to spending cuts sought by the CDA and Democrats 66 to curb a large government financing deficit.

A CDA-Democrats 66 coalition would be expected to push through planned cuts of some 12 billion guilders (\$4.5 billion) for 1982 and 1983 with tacit support from the right-wing Liberal Party, now in opposition. But lengthy talks between the three parties may be needed to set up this arrangement.

Roots author disappoints village chief

BALTIMORE, Maryland, May 17 (AP) — Residents of a tiny West African village where Alex Haley said he found his ancestral roots complain that they expected more than they have received from the best-selling American author, *The Baltimore Sun* newspaper reported Sunday.

However, Haley told *The Baltimore Sun* that the only promise he made to the villagers in Gambia was to help them build a mosque. He said he sent \$6,000 for that purpose to an engineer in Juffure, Gambia. It was there, according to Haley's novel, *Roots*, that he traced the origin of his ancestor, Kunta Kinte, who was brought to the United States country as a slave.

Bakary Taal, 78-year-old chief of Juffure, described a discussion he had with Haley concerning the community's small, half-finished cinder-block mosque, the *Sun* said. "He made a lot of promises. He said he wanted to give us a school, a mosque or something beneficial, but he has not done anything," the chief complained through an interpreter, the *Sun* said.

"My people are not angry, just disappointed," the chief was quoted as saying Haley said the only thing he promised the villagers was a mosque. "I gave, as I recall... a check for \$6,000," Haley said. He said he thought the money would at least get the foundation laid for the mosque, the cost of which was estimated at \$20,000 to \$25,000.

"From that day to this day, I have not heard anything, nothing," Haley said. He added: "I would say that I have given over the years since *Roots* — I really don't know how many, but appreciable thousands of dollars to various Gambian causes."

S. Africa knows about plot--raider

PIETERMARITZBURG, South Africa, May 17 (AFP) — Mercenary leader Col. "Mad" Mike Hoare reiterated Monday that the South African government and military were "fully aware" of plans to overthrow the Seychelles' government last November. At the trial here of the 43 mercenaries charged with hijacking of an Air-India jet from the Seychelles to Durban, Col Hoare said he also told the mercenary recruits that the government was aware of the plan.

"I remember telling them not to go running off to the National Intelligence Service because they knew all about it," Col. Hoare said in his fourth appearance in the witness box. He is conducting his own defense following the withdrawal of his lawyer from the case last week. Col. Hoare denied that he had told recruits that on their return to South Africa none of them would face "dire consequences."

But "I am sure I would have said that if the operation went wrong, we were not friendly and our friends in high places would help us," Col. Hoare said. He said that none of his men had been aware of the last-minute plan to carry weapons in false-bottomed suitcases on board the Swazi aircraft that flew the mercenaries to the Seychelles.

Col. Hoare said that although the defense force was given the coup plans it had not been given the dates for the operation. He said three methods of getting the weapons to the islands were considered — by ship, by yacht and in the false-bottomed suitcases. Brig. Daan Hammon of military intelligence had warned him not to use the first two methods, Col. Hoare said.

Iqbal Khan in Ankara

ANKARA, May 17 (AP) — Gen. Muhammad Iqbal Khan, Pakistani chief of staff, paid a courtesy call Monday on Turkish head of state Gen. Kenan Evren. Evren concurrently serves as chief of staff of Turkey's armed services.

The Pakistani official arrived in Istanbul Sunday night and was scheduled to meet with other top Turkish generals in the ruling military national security council.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al-Khazen

I look at the Arab world, and at first pride fills the heart. Such vast lands. So varied. So much human and economic potential. And yet I look again and think: ah, but it seems that all that could go wrong. Dissension everywhere. The future bleak. How could that be? What has gone wrong?

Well, no answer, however detailed, could suffice. The equation cannot even be formulated, let alone be made to come out right. But if the 'why' is not to be had, at least the 'how' can be approximated. It's like someone, on a balmy spring afternoon, sitting under a tree. Nothing, you imagine, could be lovelier. The man has it made, sitting there, amid greenery and singing birds.

But then birds do more than sing. They resort to droppings, right onto the man's head. And the green grass stains his clothes indelibly. And a passing airplane chooses to eject its full toilet cistern right on the spot where he is sitting.

And then a branch, rotting for a long time and now heavy with new leaves, drops suddenly right on the poor chap's head, and as he tries to recover, he inadvertently squashes an ant, and a whole platoon of army ants retaliates by biting him all over.

Now he is hopping about with confusion, dismay and pain, and a car passes by, the only car around for miles and miles, and it splashes him as it does so: so much for the balmy spring shower he'd just enjoyed.

Finally he decides it isn't his day evidently and gets up to leave. Which alerts the hungry lion sleeping unseen in the branches...

Yes, I think that just about describes it...
Translated from *Ashraf Al-Awsat*

Fugitive panel set up in Poland

WARSAW, May 17 (Agencies) — The clandestine Radio Solidarity made a brief broadcast Sunday announcing the formation of an organizing commission of four fugitive regional leaders of the suspended independent trade union. The transmission, radio's fifth since April 12, was heard only in a restricted area of the city and was drowned out after less than a minute by loud pop music.

Reports of the formation of the commission, established on April 22 at a secret meeting, had already been distributed in underground bulletins in the capital. The commission called for a dialogue with the authorities on a new national accord on condition that all internees be released and those convicted under martial law be amnestied.

AMSTERDAM WEATHER				OTHER CITIES			
City	Min.	Max.	Weather	City	Min.	Max.	Weather
Amsterdam	10	50	24 75	Manila	23	73	34 93 fair
Athens	12	54	21 70	Mexico City	12	53	25 77 clear
Bahrein	26	80	30 84	Miami	24	76	27 81 cloudy
Bangkok	28	82	34 93	Montreal	10	50	22 72 cloudy
Beirut	17	63	24 75	New Delhi	18	65	32 89 clear
Berlin	14	57	26 79	New York	12	54	27 81 cloudy
Brussels	13	55	20 68	Nicosia	18	64	28 82 cloudy
Buenos Aires	10	50	18 64	Paris	13	55	24 75 cloudy
Cairo	18	64	29 84	Rio de Janeiro	17	62	30 86 cloudy
Caracas	18	62	28 82	Rome	10	50	26 79 clear
Chicago	13	55	28 83	San Francisco	9	49	18 65 clear
Copenhagen	11	52	21 70	Seoul	14	57	21 70 clear
Frankfurt	14	57	27 81	Singapore	25	77	31 88 cloudy
Geneva	11	52	21 70	Stockholm	5	41	15 59 sunny
Helsinki	5	41	10 50	Sydney	11	52	23 73 clear
Hong Kong	23	73	29 84	Taipei	18	64	30 86 clear
Jakarta	23	73	32 90	Tokyo	15	59	24 75 clear
Kuala Lumpur	23	73	32 90	Toronto	9	48	24 75 cloudy
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